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POLICE 'FAILURES' OVER TRAVELLERS

MP: Residents have been living in fear and misery for the past year

Gemma Gardner

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RESIDENTS fed up with illegal Traveller encampments in Harlow are being failed by Essex Police and local authorities in the East of England, Parliament was told this week.

MPs heard the town has been "under siege" from Traveller families who have set up more than 80 illegal camps in the past year.

Caravans have been parked on verges, roundabouts, cycle tracks and school grounds. Residents say they feel intimidated and accuse the Travellers of leaving piles of rubbish behind as they move from site to site avoiding the authorities.

Harlow MP Robert Halfon said: "Residents have been living under siege, in fear and misery for the past year."

Debate

Yesterday, the Tory MP opened a debate in Westminster Hall in which he accused the authorities in the East of England of failing to "adequately deal with illegal encampments" and referred to "the failure of the police to uphold the law".

More than 2,000 Harlow residents have now signed an e-petition calling for official action. One resident wrote online: "Why should these people have more rights than those who abide by the law?"



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Much has changed in the 33 years

since the paper first hit the streets. This week we are delighted to share with you our new vision for the Star, re-branded the **Harlow Star.co.uk** to reflect the digital age in which we live and our role as a multimedia news organisation.

In this relaunch edition we are thrilled to introduce a bigger Homes pull-out supplement with all the latest news about properties and interiors and an expanded and fresh-looking entertainments section called Go! brimming with ideas to entertain you not just in Harlow but the surrounding districts.

This is just the start. Over the next few weeks and months we are

planning to introduce even more new features which we hope you will enjoy. We will also be holding Meet The Editor and Meet The Team sessions at our new hub in the Harvey Centre.

An exciting future is on the horizon for Harlow, with Government investment in a new Enterprise Zone, the opening of the Sir Charles Kao University Technical College, the Anglia Ruskin University MedTech Campus and plans to regenerate the town centre.

We want to be part of that future and we hope you, our loyal readers, will join us for the ride.

FOR more than 30 years the Star has brought the news to the people of Harlow.

Every Thursday, come rain or shine, we deliver copies of the paper to more than 30,000 households around the town.

We consider ourselves part of the community we serve, reflecting its triumphs and its tragedies, reporting on the dreams and aspirations of its residents and holding to account those who hold the reigns of power.

We may not always succeed but we

In brief**Award for air medic**

A DOCTOR working with the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Trust has received a national award in recognition of his actions following an incident dealing with a patient in a hazardous environment.

Pre-hospital care doctor Rik Thomas won Air Ambulance Doctor of the Year at the Air Ambulance Awards of Excellence.

Dr Thomas was praised for demonstrating strong leadership, courage and compassion during the incident in which he coordinated a team from various different organisations as they helped a patient in a confined space in the presence of large machinery with moving parts, 30 metres above the ground.

Hospital appointment

A NEW non-executive director has joined the Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust.

Andrew Holden, who will receive an annual remuneration of £6,157, will take up the post on January 1.

Mr Holden has more than 35 years experience in the public and private financial sector and has been a board member in the NHS and commercial sector for the past 16 years. He has spent 13 years working as a financial director in the NHS, most recently at Bart's and The London NHS Trust.

PAH Trust chairman Douglas Smallwood said: "This is a time of great challenge and also opportunity and I very much look forward to having the benefit of Andrew's extensive knowledge and skills."

Missing woman found

A WOMAN who was reported missing from her home in Harlow has been found safe and well.

On Sunday police appealed for information about the whereabouts of Clare Goddard, 30, after she was reported missing by her father who had not seen her for over a week.

On Monday evening she was spotted in the Stow area of the town by a member of the public who had read the appeal on social media.

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ENCAMPMENT: An illegal Traveller encampment on the Showground in Harlow Town Park this week

'Allegations not taken seriously'

Halfon accuses police of not doing enough

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ALLEGATIONS of criminal behaviour by Travellers from illegal encampments in Harlow are "not being taken seriously" by Essex Police, MPs were told yesterday.

During a debate about illegal travellers in the East of England, Harlow MP Robert Halfon said: "This lack of action is sadly resulting in a serious loss of faith in the Chief Constable [of Essex Police]."

Since October last year, there have been 81 illegal encampments set up in Harlow. The camps have ranged in size from one caravan to more than 30.

Sometimes the group move of their own accord, and sometimes they are moved on, only to find another spot close by.

Mr Halfon told MPs in Westminster Hall: "One resident recently wrote to me about a group of caravans parked

illegally on the roadside by a school. They said: 'The police were contacted by one of the other parents and the school's head teacher. The police simply recorded the information but don't appear to be doing anything about it.'

"I have also been contacted about police driving past and seeing travellers driving up and down cycle paths but simply ignoring it. Sadly, I then get residents asking me what would happen if they did the same, and I can only conclude that the police would usually, and should, take action in such circumstances."

Illegal encampments

"It is wrong that many people in Harlow now believe that those who occupy illegal encampments are above the law."

One weekend earlier this year, 18 vehicles descended on Fresh Start School in Tendring Road, which was

left unable to open on the Monday. With police on their way, the head teacher persuaded the group to move.

Evicting and cleaning up after the group, believed to be mostly from three or four families most of whom have places on permanent sites elsewhere in the country, cost taxpayers more than £41,000 up to August. That bill is now estimated to have passed £50,000.

Mr Halfon said: "It is disappointing that so far, only one individual has been arrested for fly-tipping, and they were not prosecuted."

During the course of debate, Mr Halfon praised Harlow Council's community safety team and local police officers for the work they have been doing.

"Harlow is a beautiful town and I am proud to represent it as MP, but illegal encampments are destroying our reputation and the quality of life of many Harlow residents."

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Committed to quality care

SIR, I am sure that readers will feel concerned about the quality of general practice, having read your article (Star, November 20) which demonstrates the limitations of the data published by the Care Quality Commission.

All GP practices will be subject to the inspection process that you describe and the CQC aims to inspect all practices by March 2016. It is using a number of different types of evidence to decide how it should prioritise its inspections, such as surveys and patient experience data.

It is important that people understand this is not designed to be a ranking of quality of the service delivered by practices. The CQC states clearly: 'This isn't a judgment on GPs. The profiles bring together information that helps us make decisions about inspections.'

Furthermore, the data that has been used to determine whether a practice is high or low priority for an inspection visit is not new information and it could now be out of date and inaccurate.

The inspection visits are a means of helping to determine whether practices are safe, effective, caring, responsive and well led. The criteria used to assess the prioritisation of inspection visits are not designed to assess a practice against these important aspects.

GP practices are committed to delivering high quality primary care and welcome all inspections that highlight good practice and support the further development of the service. Patient satisfaction surveys repeatedly show a very high level of satisfaction with general practice, despite GPs being under significant pressure in terms of workload.

In today's society we are quick to complain and slow to praise. If you are happy with the quality of care you receive from your practice, tell them – it'll do wonders for the morale of those dedicated to delivering your high quality care. However, if you are not happy with the standard of care you are receiving, please do discuss it with your practice and help us to help you.

It has been said not everything that can be counted counts and not everything that counts can

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



THIS photo of the ceramic poppies carpeting the moat at the Tower of London was sent in by Helen Goodman.

"I thought I would share this picture I took when I volunteered at the de-installation as I think it is quite special," she writes. "When I looked at it properly on my computer once I got home I noticed the shadow of a fellow volunteer looks like a soldier carrying a rifle on his back. I think maybe it's a sign that the fallen soldiers appreciate how the world has come to pay their respect."

If you have taken a photo which you would like to be featured in our Photo of the Week section, email a high resolution copy – along with a description of your photo and details of where and when it was taken – to star@hertsessexnews.co.uk. Please include your name and address and insert 'Photo of the Week' in the subject line.

be counted. Never was a truer word spoken.

Brian Balmer, chief executive
North and South Essex Local Medical Committee Ltd

No to homes on Ram Gorse

SIR, Harlow Rugby Club may be eyeing a new home and club chairman Alan Booking may be assuring its members they can expect a Christmas present on December 17 with Harlow Council approving all their plans (Star, November 13), but the game is not over yet.

Obviously it would be nice for The Rams to have lovely new premises but that should not be at the expense of damage to the

Harlow community.

The same reasons that led to what is essentially the same proposal being turned down 10 years ago still apply. Nothing significant has changed in the years since that make it more viable. In fact the traffic problems which it would exacerbate have got worse in the meantime.

After the club withdrew its application back in the summer in the face of objections, no significant changes have been made to the plans to justify resubmitting them.

There are two halves to the scheme. One is the proposed development at Puffers Green, which would mean the effective destruction of a very pleasant part of Harlow. The other is the

proposal to build 130 houses on the existing green field site specifically set aside in the Harlow masterplan for leisure or sporting use.

If the club needs more room it is free to move but the green field it has used for all these years should continue to be used for leisure and sport. Harlow Council, or some other community agency, should be invited to purchase it for the price originally given, adjusted for inflation.

The club should not be able to exploit its ownership of the site to make a killing from a totally inappropriate residential development.

Ram Gorse is indeed quite near Harlow Town station but that in no way makes it "an ideal location". Elizabeth Way at this point is already significantly congested at the kind of times people use the station for commuting, with traffic jams extending past the proposed single entrance and exit road to the estate.

At the times children would need to cross the road to get to school in Little Parndon the reverse problem is there, with high speed traffic which would make it a deathtrap for them. And the proposed development is very near the River Stort.

I very much hope that Harlow Council will say no and that the club will finally accept that its plans are just not going to be allowed. The verdict of 10 years ago must stand.

name and address supplied

Lights not just for Christmas

SIR, So finally Essex County Council has seen common sense and reversed its decision over street lighting over the holiday period (Star, November 20).

However, to paraphrase the old adage, Conservative councillors need to get the message that street lights are for life, not just for Christmas.

Locally we need to keep up the protest. Petitioning throughout Essex has raised over 10,000 signatures, so please sign the petition if you have not done so already. Then we will eventually get our street lights turned back on permanently.

Cty Cllr Michael Danvers (Labour)
Tunneade, Harlow

Razed Roof raised £656

SIR, I would like to say a very big thank you to all the kind Harlow shoppers who made generous donations to Razed Roof last week.

We were allowed by the Harvey Centre to do a sponsored 'On The Bike' fundraiser covering a distance of 220 miles on an exercise bike. We received wonderful support from a super team of staff from Tesco.

There was much fun, laughter and lively cycling from many supporters and we raised £656 towards Razed Roof's work.

The money will go towards our inclusive performing arts company producing a new show to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. *Lusitania: The Floating Palace* will be performed on Thursday, May 7 next year at Harlow Playhouse, happening exactly 100 years to the day of the tragedy.

Annette Lidster
Artistic director, Razed Roof

Dreams do come true

SIR, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Star and all the people who empathised with me after I wrote the numerous letters regarding my housing situation.

Thank you for publishing my thoughts and thanks to all the people who stood by me and supported my reasons for being housed in the town I was born in.

I went on *Question Time*, talked to Boris Johnson and our local MP and wrote to the Queen and David Cameron. I even had my story published in the *Daily Mail*. I did whatever I could to get housed in Harlow where I was born and where my grandparents chose to bring up my parents.

I have been overwhelmed by all the people who have fought my corner with me to be housed and I am delighted to announce that after a seven-year battle I have finally been given a bedsit in Old Harlow by Harlow Council.

Dreams do come true.
Claire Harrison
Old Harlow

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Robert HALFON MP

Working Hard for Harlow



Fighting to improve Harlow's rail services

- As part of his on-going work to improve train journeys for Harlow residents, Robert Halfon has secured a meeting with the Railways Minister to discuss what can be done to improve the West Anglia Main Line.
- Although Greater Anglia has carried out needed refurbishment work at local stations and regulated fares will not rise above the rate of inflation, Robert is fighting to tackle delays, overcrowding and poorly maintained carriages.
- If there is something you would like Robert to raise with the Minister, or would like a full update on Robert's work on this issue, please email halfon4harlow@roberthalfon.com or call 0207 219 2353.

Scrooge thieves pocket school's Santa gifts



UPSET:
Sheering Primary School pupils with PTFA members Leigh Dennis-Jones, Hannah Hutley and Caroline Clark and headteacher Lorna Brittain in front of the shed that was targeted by thieves

ORGANISERS of a school Christmas fair were devastated after thieves broke into a shed and stole everything they had stored up for the fundraising event.

Staff and members of Sheering Primary's Parents Teachers and Friends Association discovered they had lost everything that had been donated, collected and prepared for what is the biggest event in their calendar.

More than £200 worth of drinks, sweets and toys were stolen. Police are investigating the theft which happened between Saturday, November 8 and Monday, November 10.

Last year the fair, which will be held in

the village hall next Friday (December 5), raised almost £1,000 for school funds.

PTFA member Caroline Clark said: "It is heartbreaking. We all think it is a real shame because it is a little village working hard for local children."

"We have two big events – the summer fair and the Christmas fair – and that is when we raise the most money which all goes to the children. And because we are a small school it goes a long way."

Christmas crackers, sweets, gifts, game prizes and even presents which were to be handed to youngsters visiting Santa's grotto were taken from the shed. Now the PTFA is appealing to the local community for help to

ensure the fair can go ahead as planned.

"People have been so generous," said Ms Clark. "People have handed over envelopes of cash, telling us to buy what we need and we had two big donations as well."

"It is really encouraging to have that support. When you lose all your stock for one of your big events, it is really sad."

"We are trying hard to make the Christmas fair a success so it is really nice to have the backing from the school and wider community."

The Christmas fair will start at 3.15pm. To donate any items or help the PTFA with the event, contact the school on (01279) 734210.

MP blasted for missing debate

Accused of letting down NHS patients

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LABOUR parliamentary hopeful Suzy Stride has accused Harlow MP Robert Halfon of paying "lip service" to the National Health Service.

Ms Stride criticised Mr Halfon for missing Friday's debate in the House of Commons on a Private Members Bill which supporters say will stop the NHS from being privatised.

It seeks to re-establish the Secretary of State's legal duty to provide a comprehensive national health service and amend provisions relating to competition and the provision of private health services.

The bill is sponsored by Labour MP Clive Efford, who told MPs: "The NHS as we know it today will disappear if we continue to allow services to be contracted out to private companies."

The bill passed its second reading by 241 votes to 18 and will now progress to the committee stage of the legislative process where it will be scrutinised in detail.

Speaking after the debate, Ms Stride said: "Robert Halfon had the chance to do the right thing and vote to reverse the damaging privatisation of the NHS."

Food store reopens after £360k facelift

THE Co-op food store at Bush Fair reopens today (Thursday) after a £360,000 makeover.

The shop in Tumblor Road has been given a complete new look. The in-store bakery has been extended and there will be a wider range of fresh produce, ready meals and pizzas.

Staff will receive additional training to offer advice and inspire customers with meal ideas.

Store manager Liam Bird said: "The transformation is amazing and I'm sure our customers will enjoy shopping in the new environment which will provide them with a convenient location to pick up everything they need to create inspirational and tasty meals."

The store has appointed Julie Crouchman as its community pioneer, a role which will see her interact with the local community.

Mr Bird added: "The Co-operative is a community retailer and we are committed to playing an active role in local life, embracing the area's community spirit.

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Nurse guilty of patient assault

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Court Reporter

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A FORMER senior nurse at Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital who put her hand over the mouth of a screaming teenager has been found guilty of assault.

Nancy Regan, 31, denied the charge when she appeared at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court but was convicted of assault by beating and given a 12-month conditional discharge.

Regan, who currently lives in Weymouth, was sacked after the incident and now faces disciplinary proceedings by the Nursing and Midwifery Council which could result in a ban or being struck off.

The court was told that on February 10 a 16-year-old girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was taken to the hospital's resuscitation department suffering from an overdose.

Alex Soutter-Green, prosecuting, said the girl became restless and sat up screaming.

"Senior nurse Regan entered, stood very close to her and shouted 'be quiet', putting her hand over the patient's mouth," said Ms Soutter-Green. "She told her to shut up because she was

upsetting other patients before another nurse stepped in and put her hand between her and the patient."

Regan claimed she only put two fingers on the girl's lips in an attempt to quieten her down. But the magistrates said four prosecution witnesses had given "credible" evidence they saw her place a whole hand over the teen's mouth.

Paramedic Clive Palmer said: "In the ambulance the girl was very quiet, almost unresponsive, and we were concerned for her welfare. We phoned ahead so we could take her into resus where we were met by her father."

"I walked straight into the cubicle and asked her name. I lowered myself down towards the patient and started talking to her and stroking her cheek."

She added: "I did place two fingers on her lips as you would a child, saying 'please be quiet'. There was no force whatsoever. It was not unusual, how many nurses do you know who don't touch a patient?"

"At this point she sat up and began screaming. They tried to calm her down without success and the girl continued to scream. Nurse Regan came in and began talking in a loud voice."

"She approached her and told her to shut up, but to no effect. She then placed her hand over the girl's mouth and told her to shut

up and be quiet."

Giving evidence in her defence, Regan said that at 6.30pm on the day of the incident she received a call about a high dependent patient being en route and directed the ambulance crew to the resuscitation unit.

"Ten to 15 minutes after her arrival I could hear screaming like a siren," she said. "I thought the department was falling down. Immediately I went to the area as I thought someone was in danger."

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After the case the hospital trust apologised for what it described as an indefensible failing in patient care.

"The trust has a zero-tolerance approach to any form of neglect or ill-treatment and we will continue to do everything in our power to ensure our patients are protected at all times," it said.

"She wanted to hold the



NEEDLE WORK: Left to right, Tanith Davis, Tanya Wells, midwife Liz Maby, ward manager Caroline Nelson and Tanith's granddaughter, Holly

Tanith's hospital hampers

A GREAT-grandmother who has been knitting since the age of seven has donated three Christmas hampers to the maternity and neo-natal care unit at Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Tanith Davis, 72, has been knitting for the Harlow hospital for the past three years. Her latest hampers – which include a knitted teddy, baby bath lotion, baby wipes, and cotton wool – will be given to the parents of the first babies born on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Mrs Davis, who has four children, 14 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, started knitting for the neonatal unit after her daughter gave birth prematurely. Sadly, the baby did not survive.

"She wanted to hold the

baby and they gave her a bit of scrappy material, so I asked what they needed and they said blankets," said Mrs Davis, from Waltham Abbey. "That really started it all off and I just carried on from there."

"I knit things they can use like blankets and caps and then do some bits that they can sell so they can buy what they need."

She added: "I have been knitting since I was seven. As the oldest daughter of 11, I was always knitting for babies."

"I take my knitting everywhere with me. When I'm sitting watching the television I can't just sit and watch so I'll knit something too."

Mrs Davis was accompanied by her granddaughter Holly, who is due to give birth on December 20, when she handed over the hampers.

MP welcomes funding for community bus services

PROVIDERS of not-for-profit community bus services are being urged by Harlow MP Robert Halfon to bid for a share of £25m in Government funding.

The money can be used by the operators to purchase new vehicles in order to expand or to replace old vehicles.

"This is great news for community bus services which are vital to towns and villages in Harlow, Hastingwood, Matching, Nazeing, Roydon and Sheering," said Mr Halfon.

"I'm so pleased we're supporting these great services which already do so much for people here."

"This investment in our community is all part of our long-term economic plan, which is delivering a better future for Britain and, stronger, more secure communities."

Voluntary community bus services provide transport for people who would otherwise not have access to conventional public transport or who are unable to use it.

The Department of Transport has said any community transport provider will be able to bid for one vehicle, with priority being given to smaller operators and those covering rural or isolated areas.

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Sara's royal chat at awards ceremony

School project manager meets Duchess of Cambridge

Bianca Castro

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A PROJECT manager who set up a therapeutic service at one of Harlow's secondary schools was congratulated by the Duchess of Cambridge after winning an award from a mental health charity.

Sara Loveday implemented the Place2Be service at Stewards Academy where she has worked for more than five years. It provides school-based mental health services including emotional and therapeutic services for students.

She won the school-based Clinician Award of Place2Be's Wellbeing in Schools awards and on Thursday she met the Duchess - who is the charity's patron - during a ceremony held in the State Apartments at Kensington Palace.

"When The Duchess came in everyone was really excited," said Sara. "I met her and chatted to her for a few minutes. She was lovely."

"She wanted to know a bit about the work we do and the school. Since becoming a project manager she has really raised the profile of Place2Be and we're so grateful for that."

She added: "I knew nothing about being nominated. It was a double honour to find out I had been singled out by the school and then recognised in that way. I feel so proud."

"My colleagues and I actually put a nomination in for another category and we were shortlisted for that as well. It was



PROUD: Stewards Academy project manager Sara Loveday meets the Duchess

lovely to know I'd been nominated and the whole awards ceremony was really special."

Sara, 50, is supported by an assistant project manager and four volunteer counsellors who provide counselling and therapeutic one-to-one sessions as well as drop-in appointments, helping students with issues including domestic violence, parental separation, substance abuse and bereavement.

"The children make what I do worth-

while," said Sara, who lives in Hertford. "Their resilience in dealing with some of the issues they face is amazing."

"They still come into school and function and find a way through their difficulties."

Stewards Academy headteacher Rhonda Murthar said: "We are delighted that Sara has achieved national recognition for the excellent work she and the Place2Be team do in support of young people. It is thoroughly deserved."

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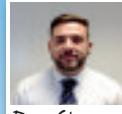
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APPEAL: We're out to raise £25,000 for Home-Start, Help to give family charity an early Christmas present

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CHRISTMAS is a time for giving. And with the season of goodwill almost upon us we think it's time to give something back.

That's why, along with our sister newspapers in Essex and Hertfordshire, the Star is backing a campaign aimed at spreading a bit of cheer.

We want to raise £25,000 before Christmas for Home-Start's Snowflake Appeal. And to do it we will need your help.

For most of us Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. However, for the unfortunate few it is a lonely and miserable period.

Presents to buy and extra mouths to feed mean that the work carried out by Home-Start is more important than ever. But with county council contracts up for renewal in March, Home-Start could soon find itself without its main source of funding.

This is why the Star is pledging to help the charity in its annual Snowflake Appeal. We are looking to give Home-Start a welcome present, in the form of £25,000, before Christmas Day.

Laura McKeown's story is an example of how important Home-Start can be in the lives of young parents and why it is essential that it keeps going.

Three weeks after giving birth to her son, Fabio, her partner left her to raise him by herself – although Fabio still has scheduled visits to see his father.

Within two weeks, Laura, who also suffers from depression, had been recommended to speak to the Home-Start team. "I felt so welcome," she said. "There was actually other people in the same situation as me."

"They gave me a volunteer, which was great because I found it easier to talk to somebody outside the family about my problems.

"They have had such an impact on my life, I cannot thank them enough."

In the two years since she signed up to the programme, she has had two volunteers who came to her home. The first provided much-needed company and advice when Fabio was quite ill, while the second acted as more of a babysitter, allowing her to get some free time.

"I thought it was only me who was suffering from these problems but when I spoke to other mums I realised I was not alone," said Laura, 27. "If I have a problem, I can call the office for help. They are a support network and they are always there if you need them."

"Part of me did not want to go but it was not just for me, it was for my son. If I did not get out of the house I know I would be



isolated and down-in-the-dumps."

She described Home-Start as a family community, where bonds are formed with people beyond the volunteers.

From the family group meeting she attended weekly, she ended up meeting Keeleigh Miller, who has since become Fabio's godmother.

"I went along to my first family group meeting and they got us talking," she said. "After that we went for a tea and coffee and our friendship has just grown from there.

"Now I see her nearly every day, we give each other support when we need it."

Kay Pitt, a senior Home-Start co-ordin-

ator, said that the issues that troubled Laura still affect one in every four families.

"The Snowflake Appeal will help us to support many more of these families at their time of need," she said.

"The work of our volunteers is priceless, and we cannot underestimate the huge difference they make to families locally, particularly in the bleak winter months."

"By giving to the Snowflake Appeal, you will make a massive difference to the lives of families needing help, and we know, that these families would be immensely grateful."



SUPPORT: Kirstie Allsopp

Ambassador Kirstie of TV home show the public face of appeal

TELEVISION personality
Kirstie Allsopp is one of
Home-Start's most famous
ambassadors and is fronting
this year's Snowflake Appeal.

The Location, Location,
Location TV presenter has a long-standing relationship with the charity.

A nationwide Home-Start manifesto called All Our Children, aimed at protecting

vulnerable families and
children, was launched by Ms
Allsopp in July.

She also spoke at the House of Commons, calling on MPs to ensure that children have safe places to live and play, and that children are protected from hunger and poor nutrition.

"Every child in every family
Home-Start helps faces a unique set of problems and

every child in every family
they help is fragile," she said.

"Home-Start chose a snowflake as the symbol of the appeal because each is as unique and fragile as the children they support."

"It's an amazing organisation and the snowflake is a brilliant metaphor for the way the charity helps people."

which faces a crisis on the funding front

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There are several ways you can give money:

- **Make cheques** payable to Home-Start, and send to Home-Start, The Annexe, Scott House, Hagsdell Road, Hertford, SG13 8WA
- **Online banking** to Home-Start: account number 1663495, sort code 30-94-17 with the reference Snowflake
- **Text** through Vodafone Just Text Giving: text SNOW26 and the amount you wish to donate, eg: SNOW26 £5, to 70070
- **Donate online** at my.give.net/snowflakeappeal

LIFE-CHANGING: Laura McKeown with her son, Fabio

Dramatic story brings issues to life on radio

A RADIO drama inspired by a collaboration with Home-Start was broadcast earlier this month.

D for Dexter was aired on BBC Radio Four from November 10 as part of this year's Children in Need appeal.

It is an exploration of the pressures that can face families, highlighting how quickly problems in the home can escalate if support isn't given early enough.

The writer and producer spent time with Home-Start earlier this year, learning more about the difficulties experienced by parents with young children.

They used the experience to create a story about two children and their mother, attempting to cope with poverty, mental health problems and illness.

A snappy app up for a national accolade

AN app developed by Home-Start to celebrate the start of its Snowflake Appeal was nominated for a national award.

Users can get the free game, Snowflake, to help their own virtual family, in order to better understand what it takes to volunteer for the charity.

It was nominated for the 'Games with a Purpose' category at The Independent Games Developers Association, although it missed out to Switch Galaxy Ultra at the ceremony on Thursday.

November 6.

Gaming developers BeefJack helped produce the game, which sees users return each day to help a family with a young child in making choices that re-shape their lives.

Annie O'Brian, head of communications at Home-Start UK, said: "The Snowflake game is a compelling way to truly engage people in what we do. We can put them in the shoes of a Home-Start volunteer as they support a family with young children through all kinds of situations."

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Local MP Robert Halfon has welcomed these figures, which were praised by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons, adding; “*This is excellent news and comes alongside the hugely impressive 61% fall in Harlow’s youth unemployment figures.*”

Earlier this month, Robert Halfon visited the brand-new Poundland Distribution Centre in Harlow, with the Government’s Employment Minister, Esther McVey MP. (See right)

The Distribution Centre brought another welcome boost to the number of jobs in Harlow, and this will be followed next year when food distributor Brakes moves into the old Tesco depot.



Robert Halfon MP at his Harlow Jobs Fair with special guest Frank Bruno

I’m 10 months into a job I got at @halfon4harlowMP’s Jobs Fair! Hope other people are as lucky too!

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It’s official - Britain is now the fastest growing major economy in the world!

This is good news for Harlow, as unemployment is down **46%** since Labour left office in 2010.

The number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance fell from 2,634 to 1,499 in August 2014 and nationally there are now **1.8 million** more people in work.

94% of the jobs created in the last year were full-time positions.



Robert Halfon MP at the Poundland Distribution Centre with Employment Minister, Esther McVey

Opportunities for young people in our town have also continued to grow, with the opening of the new University Technical School and a **106%** rise in Harlow apprenticeships.

Robert Halfon also voiced his ambition to hold his fourth Harlow Jobs Fair in 2015, saying; “*My last three Jobs Fairs have been hugely successful, with companies actively hiring local jobseekers at each event.*”

“The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and I hope I will be granted the opportunity to organise another one in 2015.”

We are successful in bid to bring a University Technical College to Harlow. BIG thanks to @halfon4harlowMP for support

- Harlow College



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Carers groups now a combined force

THE newly-merged Carers Trust Harlow, Epping Forest, Havering and Redbridge officially launched its combined organisation with a celebration and joint annual meeting.

The groups joined forces earlier this year to support more carers across the areas in which they have provided services for more than 20 years.

Carers Trust (EHHR) now has a joint workforce of more than 120 trained staff who provide support to carers living across Harlow, Epping Forest, Havering and Redbridge.

Among the civic dignitaries invited to attend the celebration launch were Harlow Council vice chairman Tony Hall and his wife, Maureen,

and Epping town mayor Barbara Scruton.

Carers Trust (EHHR) chief executive Kathy Verges, who has led Crossroads Care Havering for more than 20 years, said: "It is our aim that our new charitable organisation will be able to develop an increased range of high quality and bespoke services for all our client groups."

"We hope this launch has shown carers our continued commitment to support them and explained to those in authority the breadth of specialist services we provide."

"We were delighted to be so well supported on the day and we hope that our carers' stories and our aims and passion for supporting carers came through."

Fast response can save lives

Volunteers to help ambulance service

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A GROUP of volunteers with basic lifesaving skills are hoping to make a difference in life or death situations before ambulances arrive.

A community first responder group, supported by the East of England Ambulance Service, has been set up in Harlow to attend emergency incidents, where time can make the difference between life and death.

The group was launched earlier this month and has three members. It is co-ordinated by David Thurgood, 36, from Old Harlow.

Jack Squires, CFR lead for West Essex, said: "Last year we highlighted a need for a group to start in Harlow and we're pleased to say that it is now fully operational with members trained ready to help their community."

"The benefit of having a Harlow group is that our volunteers should only be four minutes away from a call, be it that they live or work locally. This way a patient can be assessed and treatment started during the vital first minutes of an emergency while an ambulance is on its way."

Volunteers take it in turns to be on call and carry basic first aid equipment as well as an easy-to-use automated external



LIFESAVERS: Left to right, group co-ordinator David Thurgood, responder Andy Cole, West Essex CFR lead Jack Squires and responder David Ward

defibrillator.

The emergency operations centre sends them to the scene of high category 999 calls which have been listed as potentially immediately life threatening.

Community First Responders are dispatched at the same time as the ambulance crew but often arrive beforehand because they are based so locally. The responder then provides care

until the ambulance arrives, usually only a few minutes later.

The group has so far been dispatched to almost 20 emergency 999 calls but with more volunteers they could give a greater amount of cover.

For more information on the group and how to become a member, contact Jack Squires by email on jack.squires@east-amb.nhs.uk.

Kisses4Kids fundraiser a beauty treat

A CHARITY supporting seriously and terminally ill young people and their families will be hosting a festive shopping and pamper evening.

Kisses4Kids trustee Sara Evans has organised the event at Marigolds Cricket Club in Chippingfield, Old Harlow, which will feature a range of stalls selling Christmas gifts.

There will also be the opportunity for visitors to have a pamper session including massages, facials, and manicures and pedicures.

All the money raised from the evening will go towards Kisses4Kids.

The event will be held at the club on Thursday, December 11 from 7-10pm. For more information or to prebook a pamper session, email Sara at saraevas@kisses4kids.org.uk

Bike ride raises £4k for charity

A HARLOW man who cycled from Crystal Palace sports centre to the Eiffel Tower in Paris has raised more than £4,000 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Peter Watters, 62, of Greenhills, decided to take up the cycling challenge – despite not having ridden a bicycle since he was at school – for the charity in honour of his late wife Carole Anne, who passed away from the disease in 2001.

He raised £4,021.12 and handed over the cheque to the treasurer and main organiser of the north and east Herts branch of the MND Association – Gloria Lenderyou and Geoff Foster – earlier this month.

Mr Watters thanked all his sponsors for their generosity at the cheque presentation.

Four receive a share of fund

FOUR community groups have received a cash award from the 2014 Lloyds Bank Community Fund.

Voluntary Action Epping Forest, which supports residents aged over 60 with home safety, received £3,000.

Upwards With Downs, a Harlow-based support group for children and adults with Down's Syndrome, was presented with £2,000.

Homeless charity Streets2Homes received £1,000 and The Annabelle Rose Foundation, which provides support for people diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy and other similar conditions was awarded £500.

Lottery results

THE winner of the £1,000 first prize in the St Clare Hospice weekly lottery drawn on Friday, November 21 was the holder of ticket number 738180. The winner lives in Harlow.

The rollover prize was not won and goes forward to tomorrow's (Friday) draw when it will be £1,600.

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School News

Dad's captivating WW1 presentation



■ CHURCHGATE PRIMARY

The father of one of the Hobbs Cross Road school's pupils dressed as a First World War soldier when he took part in its commemorations to mark the centenary of the start of the conflict.

Mark Bloomfield wore full uniform when he spoke to the

children as part of a week of remembrance during which they learned about the war through prayer, poetry, artwork and history lessons.

Deputy headteacher Sarah Huke said: "The children were fascinated; I've never seen them so quiet."

"Mark was very generous to

come in. He was able to draw in pupils who aren't always excited about learning and got everyone excited about history."

Mr Bloomfield volunteered to go into the school and carried out the research necessary for his presentation. He also took in helmets for the children to try on.

Mosaic design shows off a flair for art

■ ABBOTSWELD PRIMARY

Pupils from the Partridge Road school showed their creative side by helping to create a new mosaic.

Harlow Council commissioned artists Jim Brown and Sarah Bracey, *pictured right*, to create the piece celebrating the 65th anniversary of the town, using the work of the children as their inspiration.

Over the course of two workshops held at Coppice Hatch, pupils used coloured squares of paper as mosaic tiles and, working in pairs, created various components for the finished piece which included the market clock and The Lawn tower block. The two artists then set about creating the mosaic.

"The students really enjoyed themselves and they enjoyed pointing out the bits that they had contributed to," said Mr Brown. "It was a really good experience for us and them."

The project was funded from Harlow Council's ward improvement scheme.



Amy's story helps to tackle intolerance

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A senior advisor to the Cabinet was one of the speakers when representatives of Stonewall, the charity which campaigns for the rights of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals, visited the school.

Amy Saunders told Year 7 students her story of coming out as gay and how she refused to let a challenging time at school stand in her way.

The First Avenue school is a Stonewall champion, promoting tolerance of others regardless of sexual orientation.

Head of Year 7 Shawki Bakkar said it was important for students to hear her story first-hand, adding: "Youngsters sometimes band about the word gay in the playground without truly knowing its meaning."

"I thought it would be very worthwhile to work with Stonewall to give students a real insight into what being gay really means. Amy was able to tell her personal story about coming out and how she has made a huge success of her life."

She added: "Students listened intently and asked very sensible questions such as if being gay helped or hindered her in any way."



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LOOKWHO'S 60



Neighbour Pete

Happy Birthday Old Boy Alison, Nikki and Steph

60th

Happy 21st Birthday



NEWMAN Ashleigh
Happy 21st birthday, enjoy your special day, December 1st.

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Nan and Grandad

x x



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Brenda SALMON

20th June 1951 - 18th October 2014

Brenda's family would like to thank all their family and friends for their help and support at this sad time.

We are pleased to say we raised £1,700 in funeral donations for St Clare's Hospice and Cancer Research.

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TRACEY NEE HUGHES

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13/2/47 - 18/11/14

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Passed away peacefully on 9th November 2014.

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Funeral Service to take place on Wednesday 3rd December 2014, Parndon Wood Crematorium at 1.45pm.

Family flowers only and donations if desired to The Princess Alexandra Hospitals Charity.

All enquiries to
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20 High Street,
Old Harlow, CM17 0DW.
Tel: 01279 441 444

MORLEY MARJORIE ROSINA

Passed away suddenly on 12th November 2014, aged 72 years young.

Tony, Ray, Andy, Jenny and family are devastated at the loss of a dear Wife and Mother.

Funeral service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium Chapel on Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at 2.30pm. Bright Ties and Scarves to be worn.

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12th July 1958
27th November 2016

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Love Dawn Stuart and Sian
xxx

Maureen TOMPSON

18-07-45 - 27-11-07

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Love you forever, Les, Leslie, Matthew, Barry, Deb, Toni, Ronney, Sonny.

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Good news for hard workers

THERE is better news on the economy. Not only is Britain now the fastest growing economy in the world, but the BBC/Experian has said Harlow has the highest business growth in the UK. Jobs are coming back to Harlow.

Since 2010 the number of people claiming unemployment benefit has gone down in Harlow by 43 per cent. This gives hundreds of families the security of a regular wage packet.

But we are still in difficult economic times and the Government should do everything possible to help with the cost of living.

This is why I was pleased that the Prime Minister has committed to increasing the rate that people start paying tax to £12,500 if the Conservatives win the next election. This will leave the average Harlow worker £500 a year better off. He also pledged that the minimum wage would be at least £8 an hour by 2020.

This is good news for hard-working Harlow residents and comes on top of the work the Government has already done to ease high costs of living.

This includes raising the minimum wage by more than inflation to £6.50 an hour, freezing fuel duty and increasing the state pension by £800 since 2010.

I OFTEN talk to Harlow residents about their concerns over Europe and immigration.

On Europe, David Cameron has pledged that if the Conservatives get a majority there will be an in-out EU



referendum in 2017. He has also vetoed an EU treaty, cut the EU budget and is working hard to renegotiate our relationship with the EU.

On immigration, I believe in "fair immigration, fair to the taxpayer". This means that people who come from overseas should not have access to public services – the NHS, housing and welfare – until they have first made a contribution to Britain through the tax system.

In fact, the Government has just passed a law that begins this process and immigration has been brought down to its lowest level in a decade.

Furthermore, Harlow Council now has a rule that you can only have access to social housing if you have lived in our town for a minimum of five years.

But "fair immigration, fair to the taxpayer" should not mean that we are either intolerant or unkind to those who have chosen to live here-lawfully.

We should recognise the valuable contributions that

many immigrants make in Britain today, for example the many foreign born doctors and nurses who work in our NHS.

FOR the past 15 years I have been privileged to attend Remembrance Day services – either as a parliamentary candidate or as MP – at the Nettleswell Memorial in Harlow.

Of all the times I have been, this year's was the most special. There was a huge amount of warmth and respect from everyone present.

Remembrance is not only about remembering our courageous fallen soldiers but also something that binds us together as a nation. It makes us proud to be British. It gives us an important sense of belonging as we are reminded of our history and heritage. It strengthens us as a community.

I pay tribute to the Royal British Legion, the families of the fallen soldiers, all those who paraded, and the Harlow Salvation Army for making our 100 year Remembrance Service so special.

Speakers line up for UKIP public meeting

THE UK Independence Party will hold a public meeting in Harlow tomorrow (Friday) evening.

Among the speakers at the meeting will be Sam Stopplecamp, the party's candidate for the Harlow constituency at next year's general election, as well as UKIP's deputy chairwoman of policy Suzanne Evans and Dan Jukes, chairman of the eastern division of the party's youth wing, Young Independence.

Mr Stopplecamp said: "We are going to be discussing a few topics. I'll be talking about the Traveller issue in the town as I feel we have been seriously let down by the council and national Government. Suzanne will be talking about Europe and the direction a UKIP parliament would go in and Dan will be speaking about getting young people involved in politics."

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Although it is not expected to open until 2017, a four-minute computer-generated

animation has been released by the company which will build it to give some idea of what it will be like to ride.

The cars in which the passengers will ride will rise to the top of the tower before dropping down to earth through a series of spins, loops and dives, reaching speeds of up to 65mph.

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RANGERS fact file



NAME: Amy Rebecca (member 2016)
DATE OF BIRTH: July 27, 2008
ADDRESS: Shawbridge, Harlow
SCHOOL: Jerouds Primary
LIKES: Trampolining, going to Beavers and playing princesses
DISLIKES: Walking
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chicken curry
LEAST FAVOURITE: Spaghetti
FAVOURITE BOOK: Room On The Broom
FAMILY: Brother, Teddy (3)
WANTS TO BE: Work in her Dad's garage



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The Rose Project advice service is launched in memory of young mum-to-be Grieving parents back new help for victims of domestic violence



FLASHBACK: March 7, 2013

What is abuse?

- Domestic abuse is abusive behaviour from a family member, boyfriend or girlfriend
- Domestic abuse is used as a form of power and control, it makes victims fearful of the abuser where they can use the abuse to get the victim to do what they want. It usually begins with small things, but gets much worse

Gemma Gardner
gemma.gardner@hertessexnews.co.uk

THE brutal murder of Eystna Blunnie and her unborn daughter Rose at the hand of her ex-boyfriend has led to the launch of a specialist service for young people affected by domestic violence.

Leading the charge for change was Eystna's heartbroken parents Kevin and Susan Blunnie, who never imagined that he would one day be rallying MPs and making impassioned speeches in front of hundreds of people.

This week, The Rose Project, which offers advice and help for young people, was launched. Now Eystna's father has spoken of his grief and how her death pushed him to help stop other families suffering the same fate.

Campaign

He said of the campaign by Harlow-based domestic violence charity Safer Places: "Our fight still goes on today. Don't let Eystna and Rose's deaths be another statistic. Two women a week are killed by



CRIME SCENE: A police car at the scene of the murder in Howard Way

domestic violence that's two more families just like ours. Ordinary families, with ordinary lives.

"Many more are hurt badly, physically, mentally and emotionally. We need to do so much to help these people. The help is out there and they are not alone."

The project will also ensure that there are two specialist workers in Harlow dealing with domestic violence and young people.

Catering student Eystna was found fatally injured by the side of the road in Howard Way shortly before 3am on Wednesday, June 27, 2012.

She was taken to Princess Alexandra Hospital but doctors were unable to save her or her unborn baby.

Tony McLernon, 25, of North Grove, Harlow, was found guilty of one count of murder and one count of child destruction. He was sentenced to life in prison and must serve 27 years before being eligible for parole.

Speaking at the launch of The Rose Project, Kevin, supported by wife, said the family had first become aware that Eystna was in a violent and controlling relationship in 2012 when they discovered her ex-partner had tried to strangle her.

Kevin told the audience: "On June 26, 2012, it was an ordinary day for our ordinary family. Sue was at home waiting for the workmen to fix our heating and I'd gone to work as usual. On returning we decided to go out and eat at our local restaurant. Then we went on to a local social club where we met friends and we talked about the new grandchild we would be having in a matter of days.

"So when we went to bed that night and we all said good night, as a normal family would do, that was the last time we would be a normal family."

Missing

The family woke the next day and noticed that Eystna was not in her bedroom.

"I asked Sue about this as it was so early in the morning," explained Kevin. "Sue said she was probably outside the house having a cigarette. So with a cup of tea, I decided to join her. I was surprised that she was not there.

"I spoke to Sue further, who suggested that Eystna might have gone for a walk and wouldn't be far away, as the coat and handbag and the baby book which she always carried was still on the kitchen table."

Later the family were told by a neighbour that there had been a police incident on Howard Way and that the road had been closed.

"That instant I knew something was wrong," said Kevin. "I spoke to my wife again and she suggested that I go and see what's happened. I spoke to an officer about my worries and I was told that he could not discuss it with me because they were dealing with a serious incident. He took my details and said someone would be in touch. They did get back to us in about 15 minutes but they still couldn't tell us anything."



PREGNANT: Murder victim Eystna Blunnie

A safe haven

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"As I have said, domestic violence is a serious issue that sadly affects many young people. And one of the most important ways to prevent domestic violence is education and early identification of abuse.

"I believe that to help break what is often a cycle of abuse, we need to reach out to young people early and give them healthy relationship education. This would hopefully give young people the skills they need to be able to deal with an abusive relationship, and encourage them to speak up."

He added: "The Rose Project is an important part of this. It is a great step forward that will aim to identify and intervene early in cases of domestic abuse that affect young people."



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THE lights of Christmas shone brightly at The Water Gardens on Saturday as hundreds of people watched the switching on of the shopping centre's festive illuminations.

The ceremony topped off a day of activities which included the chance to meet and feed reindeer from Paradise Wildlife Park in Broxbourne and a performance by Harlow dance troupe Hip Hop Pop.

Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist Micky Dumoulin and local singer Jessica Alice also took to the stage to entertain the crowds, while members of the cast from this year's Playhouse panto, helped by a Christmas bear, threw the switch to turn on the lights.

Centre manager Beryl Murphy said: "It was great to see so many people at the Water Gardens for the switch on and to be able to showcase some of Harlow's best local talent.

"The team here did a great job putting all the lights up and to experience the atmosphere in the Gardens and watch all the shoppers have their photos taken by the main tree makes it all worthwhile.

"It was a really nice start to Christmas and I would like to thank all the acts and people who came out to enjoy it."



FESTIVE FROLICS: From top, Carl Ainsworth with the Water Gardens Christmas bear; sisters Karis, 11, and Leoni Roberts, 8, meet one of the reindeers from Paradise Wildlife Park; singer Micky Dumoulin entertains the crowds

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THU NOV 27: The Silver Bells Christmas Show, Harlow Playhouse. The Silver Bells Christmas Show combines the music of the present with the spirit of the past. Sparkling entertainment, wonderful costumes and a spellbinding finale promise to make it an unforgettable experience.

Time: 2pm
Tickets: £13

Details: www.playhouseharlow.com Tel: 01279 431945

THU NOV 27: Ben Holder, St Johns Arc, Old Harlow. Young swing violin virtuoso Ben Holder will be performing for one night with the John Petters Sing Band as part of a nationwide tour. The young musician has been taking the UK music scene by storm and has just released his album Ben Meets Benny. Ben will be performing alongside pianist Tim Huskisson, Harlow bass ace Keith Donald and ex Harlow drummer John Petters for what promises to be an evening of musical fireworks. Show starts at 8pm

Tickets: £10 Tel: 01406 365731.

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £10

Details: www.stjohnsarc.org.uk Tel: 01406 365731

THU NOV 27: An Evening of Mediumship with Psychic Tony Stockwell, Rhodes Theatre, Bishop's Stortford. At its best, mediumship has the potential to change someone's life and to instil in them a sense of peace, comfort and purpose. Psychic Medium Tony Stockwell is not a new kid on the block and during his 20 years working as a medium he has constantly worked to improve his game and push the boundaries of his communication. In that time he has had umpteen television programmes, taught at some of the most respected schools for mediumistic development as well as setting up his own training school.

Time: 7.30pm

Tickets: £19

Details: www.rhodesbishopsstortford.org.uk Tel: 01279 710200

THU NOV 27: The Accrington Pals, Harlow Playhouse. During the early years of the First World War Accrington in Lancashire became the smallest town in England to raise a Pals' Volunteer Brigade to fight in the Battle of the Somme. Peter Whelan's compassionate, funny and moving play The Accrington Pals, looks at the terrifying experiences of the men at the front and charts the day to day lives of the women left behind for whom life will never be the same again. The wonderfully light-hearted moments contrast with stark reality of life faced by the pals in the trenches. Performances tonight and tomorrow take place in the Studio Theatre.

Time: 7.45pm

Tickets: £13

Details: www.playhouseharlow.com Tel: 01279 431945

FRI NOV 28: Simon Gilliver and Kiyoko Fukuo, St John's Arc, Old Harlow. Music@Midday features a performance by Simon Gilliver on flute and Kiyoko Fukuo on piano. They will perform music by Bach, Schumann, Karg-Elert and the rarely performed Sonatina by Walter Giesecking. Admission includes homemade soup and artisan bread with a complimentary glass of wine or juice.

Time: Midday (lunch at 12.45pm)

Tickets: £4.50

Details: www.stjohnsarc.org.uk

FRI NOV 28: Seann Walsh, Harlow Playhouse. Seann Walsh, one of comedy's fastest rising stars, is touring the UK with his new show, 28, which arrives in Harlow on Friday. The star of Channel 4's Stand Up For The Week, BBC's Live At The Apollo and Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Walsh is a charming and charismatic natural born observational storyteller.

Time: 7.45pm

Tickets: £16

Details: www.playhouseharlow.com Tel: 01279 431945

FRI NOV 28: A Tribute to Louis Armstrong, Harlow Cricket Club, Old Harlow. The tribute evening features Carol Braithwaite on vocals, Enrico Tommaso on trumpet, Tim Huskisson on keyboards, Murray Salmon on bass and Martin Guy on drums. Enrico Tommaso, son of the fine jazz clarinetist Ernie Tommaso, was exposed to the best of jazz from when he was born and started playing the trumpet at the age of five. His father nurtured and encouraged him, passing on a lifetime of jazz study. He gave him every opportunity to meet and hear great musicians such as Benny Goodman, Dizzy Gillespie, Maynard Ferguson, the Basie and Ellington bands and many others.

Time: 7.30pm

Tickets: £8

Details: www.musicatmarigolds.co.uk Tel: 01279 423582

WED DEC 3: Stacey McCarthy Acoustic Duo, Rhodes Theatre, Bishop's Stortford. Stacey McCarthy is a writer, arranger, and performer working all over the country. Known for her range of repertoire, from soft-soulful easy-listening to up-tempo dance and rock music. She cites her main influences as Aretha Franklin, Jessie J, Marvin Gaye, and Eva Cassidy. The focus is to provide live value, occasionally employing creative and imaginative use of technology to further enhance the experience.

Time: 7.30pm

Tickets: Free

The Square helps to celebrate indie music week

THE UK's culture of live music will be celebrated over six nights at 18 venues across the country including The Square in Harlow during Independent Venue Week.

Independent Venue Week (January 26, 2015 to February 1, 2015) is a series of gigs that aims to highlight this struggle, and reinforce that it's a "tough and challenging time for independents".

Tickets went on sale on Tuesday when the campaign, which hopes to raise the profile of the independents in the face of the large, sponsor-backed venues, was launched.

A packed bill of artists has been lined up for the week at the Fourth Avenue nightspot.

On Monday, January 26, Burnt Mill Academy present a Night with the Concert Band, with students from the school performing a selection of songs. The performance is at 7pm and tickets cost £4.

On Wednesday, January 28, The Blockheads with Murray Torkildsen of The Sweeney, Popdad and The Otway Big Band will take to the stage. Known for their work backing the legendary Ian Dury on hits such as *Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick*, *Reasons To Be Cheerful Pt 3* and the iconic *Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll*. The Blockheads have carried on strong since the passing of Ian in 2000. They have released three albums of new material with vocalist Derek Hussey. Doors open at 8pm and tickets £5.

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On Friday, January 30, Frankie and The Heartstrings with Don't Worry will perform. Frankie and the Heartstrings have been together since 2008 and have released two albums, *Hunger* in 2011 and *The Days Run Away* in 2013.

For the next album they have recruited Ross Millard from The Futureheads as their new guitarist and the songs are sounding bigger and stronger than ever. In the past FATH have supported the likes of Florence and the Machine, Kaiser Chiefs, Vaccines, and Primal Scream. Doors open at 8pm and tickets £5.

The annual Essex Undiscovered

competition returns to The Square on Saturday, January 31, with tickets costing £4 and doors at 8pm.

The Subways supported by Los Pepes end the week on Sunday, February 1. The Subways are no stranger to The Square having played some of their earliest gigs on stage as Platypus before changing their name to The Subways. Their self-titled fourth album is due for release in February 2015.

A limited number of week entry tickets, which will allow access to all the shows, will be available for £30 from www.independentvenueweek.com and from The Square at www.thesquareharlow.com or by visiting the venue.

BLAKE are enjoying the power of three

CLASSICAL Brit Award-winning trio Blake will bring their latest tour with their mix of pop and classical tracks to Harlow on Saturday. The group, currently formed of Ollie Baines, Stephen Bowman and Humphrey Berney, have played in a range of venues around the world and now bring their In Harmony tour to the Playhouse.

The trio's set will combine songs from the group's first four albums with some exclusive new tracks from the new album.

The three are joined on this tour by fellow Brit award nominee, soprano Camilla Kerslake, who will be performing her own songs as well as joining Blake for a number of duets. One stand-out moment is the four's performance of *You Raise Me Up*.

"It's a very powerful moment of the show," said tenor Humphrey Berney.

"She's a fantastic addition. She brings a new dynamic to the show."

"Now we are a trio, it allows us to bring in guest artists."

Pop, musicals and classical tracks all provide fodder for the trio and this mixture seems to have given them an enduring popularity.

"I think it's because of our emotion," said Humphrey.

"I think that when people go to concerts, whether it's Coldplay or the opera, people go to listen to music for an emotionally engaging experience. That's what we do."



"What we bring to the concert is musicality. Whether people understand musicality or not, you definitely experience and feel it."

The new album, launched last week, shares a name with the tour and features tracks which the three enjoy performing and which have a special resonance with them.

"We have got some very beautiful songs, like *Fields of Gold*," said Humphrey.

"It's a very emotional song."

"My sister Rose passed away eight years ago. It was one that lots of our fans had asked us to do."

Lots of fans choose to use Blake's music at the birth of their children and other important family events, such as weddings and funerals.

"People seem to want our music to be part of their emotional lives," said Humphrey.

Perfect arty Christmas gifts on offer at festive exhibition

ARTISTS will be presenting an exhibition of affordable art at The Gallery at Parndon Mill this Christmas.

Over the festive period, the exhibition PRESENT ARTS will emphasis works of art which are affordable.

The artists, who have studios at the Mill, are represented along with regular exhibitors of ceramics, glass, jewellery, paintings, sculpture and prints.

The Christmas exhibition is an opportunity to introduce new talent. This year, several ceramic artists whose work is new to The Gallery will be exhibiting.

Debra Baker presents interesting shapes in slip cast porcelain while Patrick Joyce shows smoke fired forms.

Beautifully crafted stoneware and porcelain vessels are by Alex Shimwell and Pat Short shows very interesting pieces based on organic

forms.

A spokesman for the gallery said: "Once again we will present a collection of colourful and witty ceramics by Ruta Bartkeviciute who we introduced last year. She was born and trained in Lithuania and now works in Hertford."

Thomas Petit is contributing a splendid new range of colourful glass vessels and the exhibition will also include glass pieces by our regular exhibitors.

"There will be an attractive new range of prints by Suman Gujral, collages by Anneli Boon, whose work we have not seen in The Gallery for some time, and small paintings on paper by Gillian MacKenna."

Resident artists at Parndon Mill will also be exhibiting two and three dimensional works and regular contributors to Present Arts will be included.

Entry is free.

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MUSICAL NOTES:

THU NOV 27: Harlow music lovers should brace themselves for something quite extraordinary, Ben Holder, probably the most gifted swing violinist to emerge in the UK, will be appearing for one night only with John Petters Swing Band, as part of a nationwide tour, at St John's Arts Centre, (Market St, Old Harlow, CM17 0AJ). Time: 8.30pm Tickets: £10 Details: 01245 420475

FRI NOV 28: Soul singer JD will be performing at The Railway Hotel in Sawbridgeworth. Time: 9pm Details: 01279 724317

FRI NOV 28: Marigolds Jazz Club, Harlow Cricket Club, Harlow present a tribute to Louis Armstrong. Starring ace trumpeter Enrico Tomaso who once played to Louis as a young boy when greeting him at the station. Accompanied by the Marigolds All Stars led by Martin Guy on drums, with Carol Braithwaite vocals, Tim Huskisson on piano and Murray Salmon on bass. Time: 8.30pm-11pm Details: 01245 420475

FRI NOV 28: Essex-based Ska six-piece Sax On Fire, who cover music from the likes of Madness, The Specials, Bad Manners and many more will be at The Herald pub (Broadley Road, Harlow, CM19 5RD). Time: 9pm Details: 01279 437965

FRI NOV 28: Ska Reggae Rock Punk band JB Conspiracy will be doing something a little different when they perform at The Square, Harlow. They will be supported by Streetfight Silence and Fake The Attack. Time: 8pm Tickets: £4 advance Details: 01279 305000 www.thesquareharlow.com

FRI NOV 28: Harlow-based band Fubar, whose ever-evolving set list includes material from Kings Of Leon, Stereophonics, Foo Fighters and Queens Of The Stoneage will be at The Purple Emperor (Burgoyne Hatch, Mompies Road, Harlow, Essex, CM20 3EH). Time: 9pm Details: 01279 439375

SAT NOV 29: Glam rock band The Naked Apes take to the stage at The Shark (Hobtree Road, Colt Hatch, Little Parndon, Harlow, Essex CM20 1TH) this weekend. Time: 9pm Details: 01279 416297

SAT NOV 29: It is a Glam Rock Show. The gear is great; the lights set the mood. From The Jean Genie to Children Of The Revolution, let Phil Murray's Diamond Dogz take you on a trip through the glittering seventies. Appearing at The Small Copper (Mompies Road, Churchfield, Harlow, Essex CM20 3DE) this weekend. Time: 8pm Details: 01279 431461

SAT NOV 29: Me & Him are playing at Harlow War Memorial Snooker & Social Club, Old Harlow. Me & Him is a professional Essex music duo specialising in weddings, based on the border of Essex and Hertfordshire. They have been playing together since 2006 and have performed for hundreds of couples and their guests at their weddings. Their repertoire consists of a collection of songs ranging from the 50s up to modern chart music. Time: 8pm

SAT NOV 29: The Sex Pistols Experience are the world's number one professional tribute to the most outrageous and controversial band of all time. With 11 years of experience and more than 1,500 live shows across seven countries behind them they know how to deliver an electrifying show to leave you blown away. They will be performing at The Square in Harlow. Time: 8pm Tickets: £10 advance Details: 01279 305000 www.thesquareharlow.com

SAT NOV 29: Harlow-based five-piece covers band Guilty Pleasures are at The Lord Haig, Hertford, putting a rocky twist on your favourite pop songs. Time: 9pm Details: 07958 372075

SAT NOV 29: Covers band Next of Kin will perform at Burnt Mill Snooker and Social Club.

WED DEC 3: Live midweek music at Rhodes, Bishop's Stortford, Stacey McCarthy is a writer, arranger, and performer working all over the country. Known for her range of repertoire, from soft-soulful easy-listening to up-tempo dance and rock music, this is a free event. Time: 7.30 Details: 01279 710200 www.rhodesbishopstortford.org.uk

FRI DEC 5: This will be your last chance to catch Breed77 at The Square, Harlow. They'll be playing tracks of Cultura, beg, borrow, steal – just make sure you make it! To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of their most successful album 'Cultura', Breed 77 will embark on a very special tour. They have a few surprises with vocalist Paul Isola joining them on this very special one-off tour. Time: 8pm Tickets: £11 advance, £14 on the door Details: 01279 305000 www.thesquareharlow.com

SAT DEC 6: Cheap Thrills, an Essex / Herts based band, playing Classic Rock and Indie covers, are at The George III, Hoddesdon. Details: 01992 463171 www.livemusicpub.co.uk

SUN DEC 7: Ensemble Elvira: Flute and Harp Recital, as part of music@stansted's season of live concerts, two members of international chamber music group Ensemble Elvira are due to give a mouth-watering recital of music for the ever-popular combination of flute and harp at St. John's Church, Stansted.



Belles with real festival appeal

A HARLOW 'belle' and two of her friends are releasing a Christmas single to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

The Three Belles – Isabelle Moore, 24, Anneka Wass, 25, and Sally Anne, 24 – have been working with the Armed Forces charity since last year.

The 1940s-inspired trio has now recorded *Christmas Belles Are Ringing* with proceeds from sales going to the RBL.

"The song is about getting together at Christmas with the people you love but not forgetting those who cannot be with you or people who are less fortunate than you," said Isabelle, who grew up in Harlow.

"We wanted the song to make people happy, especially at such a festive and fun time of year but not forget that Christmas is a time of year to think about others, too."

Isabelle said: "We support the Royal British Legion when we perform as The Three Belles."

"Everyone knew someone who was helping to fight for our freedom. It is very important to us that people are never forgotten."

Christmas Belles Are Ringing will be released on November 30. It can be pre-ordered from the iTunes store now.

HAPPY Christmas in anarchic style from punk legend

PUNK legend Steve Drewett admits some diehard fans might spit at his latest surprising project. But the Newtown Neurotics frontman says his new Christmas single is suitably anarchic.

The 60-year-old wants to break the stranglehold *The X Factor* winners and charity releases have on the seasonal charts and offer a fresh pop tune to rival the decades-old favourites played on repeat over the holidays.

The man behind the 1982 track *Mindless Violence* said: "I think it's totally the right thing for someone in a punk band to do a Christmas single."

"I've always been about 'melodic punk' and I knew I could do a straight pop single if I wanted to."

It has taken him three years to get *It's Christmas Time!* (*Oh, Yeah, NaNaNa*) recorded with all the festive trimmings. The pop anthem about a broken relationship even features a Salvation Army-style brass section.

Steve described the overall effect as akin to Phil Spector's famous Wall of Sound.

"It's a sleigh ride of emotion, starting with sorrow, on to reflection, reconciliation, then joy – without over-sentimentality," he said.

"It's got a serious story to it. I wrote it three years ago and wanted a very specific sound on it, and for two years I couldn't get hold of the right people until finally I got everyone here."

He was unrepentant about trying something new: "I can write anything I damn well please to do – because I can."

"I would never ever write a dumb Christmas record. The point of doing this was to write something with meaning that would resonate with everyone and I'm very proud of it."

"I can imagine that some Neurotics fans are going to spit with indignation that I should do this, but it's about doing something unusual and surprising."

The single is one of the tracks on his new



solo album, *kuJenga Society*, named after the Swahili word for 'to build'.

Steve formed the Newtown Neurotics in his Harlow hometown in 1979 and they won both popular and critical acclaim, earning comparisons to The Clash and The Jam in the Thatcher era.

After disbanding at the end of the '80s, Steve went on to form a now defunct Afro-punk band called The Indestructible Beat.

His musical experimentation has continued on the new long-player, but fans will find his biting, political lyrics have not changed.

The man who wrote *Kick Out the Tories* takes his inspiration for the title track from today's social equality, drawing a parallel between removing money from community services and undermining the foundations of society – in the same way removing Jenga blocks makes the toy wooden tower topple.

He said: "The album that the Christmas single is on is a mixture of protest songs and love songs."

Next year the Neurotics will return for punk's annual Rebellion festival in



Blackpool, giving Steve and his bandmates a chance to catch up with fellow icons of the genre's 1970s heyday.

He said: "It's such a big event, you end up sharing hotel rooms with your heroes."

Earlier this year Steve played in Brazil and was surprised to find during a three-week tour he was a "god" to punk fans across the country, with one overwhelmed acolyte even kissing his feet.

While that moment was awkward, it is that sort of enthusiasm which has ensured his passion for writing and performing is as strong as ever.

After a stint as a webmaster, which has given him the tools to make music in the digital age, Steve has returned to performing as a full-time career and said: "Punk music changed my life."

Steve once again has his own record label, Cruel Binary. To buy the new single and album, which are also available to download on Amazon and iTunes, and to purchase Neurotics back catalogue, see www.steve-drewett.com.

Sinead Holland

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ON TV

Mike's TV Film of the Week

COMEDY DRAMA: RUSHMORE Film4, Thursday, November 27, 1.20am (Friday morning) Max Fischer (Jason Schwartzman) is not the sort of 15-year-old you expect to find at the centre of an American high school movie – not least because he loves his school. Admittedly, Rushmore is a prestigious and pricey private school to which Max won a scholarship by writing a play (when he was 7 or 8... about Watergate) but his devotion to it is all-consuming. The extremely precocious Max is the driving force behind any number of extracurricular clubs and societies. Unfortunately, his academic performance is suffering so badly he is on the verge of being expelled. Then into his life come two adults. Herman Blume (Bill Murray) is a middle-aged former Rushmore pupil – like Max, from a humble background – who has made his fortune but hates his life. Rosemary Cross (Olivia Williams) is a young, widowed first-grade teacher. Max bonds with Herman and falls in love with Rosemary but the two adults, brought together by Max, become romantically involved...

Rushmore was director Wes Anderson's breakthrough film, and it's a moot point if he has ever improved on it. The offbeat script (co-written with actor-buddy Owen Wilson) is full of surprises, and its filmed beautifully. Anderson knows just when to cut and where to place people and objects in the Cinemascope frame for maximum deadpan comic effect, making this as funny as any Hollywood movie of the past 20 years. He also knows actors. Schwartzman, in his debut, is a hoot and Williams, also a relative newcomer, is very touching. Murray, however, is out of this world – the most expressive blank face since Buster Keaton telling you more than words ever could. There's a strong case for this being the most significant role of his career; it's certainly difficult to imagine Lost In Translation without it. This is top-drawer stuff – hilarious, strange, insightful, poignant, but never sentimental or soft-headed.

Mike Whiteway

Turner Prize 2014

ART: CHANNEL 4, Monday, December 1, 7.30pm British art's biggest award is announced as Tate Britain hosts the 30th Turner Prize and the winner is announced live, by actor Chiwetel Ejiofor as part of this programme hosted by Lauren Laverne. The programme also profiles the four shortlisted artists: Duncan Campbell, Ciara Phillips, James Richards and Tris Vonna-Michell.



Best of British



GOING UNDERGROUND: Paddington explores London in his new big screen adventure

Paddington

FAMILY COMEDY (PG)

Director: Paul King
Starring: Ben Whishaw, Hugh Bonneville, Sally Hawkins, Nicole Kidman, Jim Broadbent

DO today's youngsters know about Paddington? Will they fall for the charms of the kind-hearted bear from deepest, darkest Peru like I did as a child, firstly with the books, then the animated television series?

In a world of digital downloads, hundreds of TV channels and the endless possibilities of the internet, can a story about a talking bear trying to find a home in London possibly resonate like it did with me all those years ago?

Thanks to Paul King's film, I think it will. Even if they haven't already got some vague knowledge of the character and his misadventures through their parents or grandparents, there's enough wit and invention on top of the warmth and humour of the original stories, for this film to win over a new generation of Paddington fans.

Paying due reverence to the source material, King keeps enough of the familiar elements of Paddington but layers it with some lovely visual and narrative ideas so that the little bear takes on a new life on the big screen. It's also a celebration of the best things about Britain and London, a timely antidote to other things going on perhaps.

The film starts with an origins story, of sorts, as we see black and white footage of a British explorer discovering Paddington's forebears in the jungles of Peru, and leaving them with a love of marmalade and a curiosity about London. A switch to the modern-day sees an earthquake destroying Paddington's jungle home, setting him off on a journey to London to find a new life and he somehow ends up at the titular station where the Brown family befriend him and take him home.

While Mrs Brown (Sally Hawkins) is keen to have Paddington as one of the family, Mr Brown (Hugh Bonneville) is against the idea, only seeing the problems and dangers he might

bring. A worse threat than homelessness comes along in the vampish shape of Nicole Kidman's Millicent, a taxidermist who's keen to add this rare talking bear to her extensive collection at the Natural History Museum.

Warm-hearted and very funny indeed, Paddington is a great family film that will keep adults and children entertained and laughing. The narrative is a straightforward tale of an outsider trying to find a home spiced up by a Cruella De Vil style villainess, but it's done with such style, wit and invention that it not only wins you over but moves you too.

Ben Whishaw is the perfect choice to voice the bear, bringing a sense of wonder and innocence to the role. Bonneville and Hawkins are spot on as the Browns too while Kidman has fun as the baddie. There are some nice cameos from Peter Capaldi, Matt Lucas, Jim Broadbent and Julie Walters.

Paddington is a great achievement visually, with some fantastically inventive ideas

from King and a thoroughly convincing CGI bear – although he's not as cute as the cartoon version from the 1970s. Underlying the narrative is a more serious point about how we should treat people who come to this country from abroad with nods towards the Kindertransport with antiques expert Mr Gruber and the Windrush generation with the calypso band that keeps cropping up, but this is done with a light touch rather than in a preaching way.

Much more than just an exercise in misty-eyed nostalgia or gentle whimsy, Paddington is not just a cynical reboot either. You can tell the film is put together with love and affection by people who love the character and the world that Michael Bond created back in the late 1950s.

Entertaining and enjoyable from start to finish, Paddington shows a story can endure across the decades if it's good enough. The bear done good.

Darryl Webber

RATING: Good

How the legend of Paddington was born . . .

ONCE upon a time, on Christmas Eve, Michael Bond was on London's Oxford Street looking for something small for his wife's stocking. It started to snow and he found himself outside Selfridges.

"There was this one bear sitting on the shelf and I felt sorry for him," recalls Bond.

"Someone once said, 'A doll's always wondering what they're going to wear next, but there's something about a bear – you feel you can tell it

your secrets and it won't give them away.'

That little bear inspired him to write *A Bear Called Paddington*, almost 60 years ago. Since then, 35 million Paddington books have been sold worldwide, and translated into 40 languages.

Bond has just written *Love From Paddington*, a book of letters from Paddington to his Aunt Lucy at the Home for Retired Bears in darkest Peru, and later this month, his creation takes

to the silver screen.

Bond gave the film his blessing because, while the bear's appeared on stage and television over the years, a movie was "the one thing Paddington hadn't done". You sense that the 88-year-old, a former BBC cameraman, is rather excited for him.

"What's nice about the film is the fact that all the cast are in it because they like Paddington, they've all been brought up with him and there was a very nice atmosphere on set."

Bond has a cameo – watch out for the gent in the restaurant at the beginning who waves as Paddington goes past in a black cab – and he's happy with the choice of Clifton's Ben Whishaw as the voice of his bear.

However, Bond has not made it to Paddington's homeland, Peru.

"I was supposed to be going with Stephen Fry, who did a book about Paddington [*Rescuing The Spectacled Bear*, 2002]. I had various inoculations, but one of them disagreed

with me and I was banned from flying.

"I picked Peru because I wanted somewhere that nobody went to in those days."

Bond was born in 1926 in Newbury and moved to Reading while still a baby.

He survived an air raid in 1943 and later served in the Royal Air Force and the British Army.

It was seeing labels on evacuees that inspired the note around Paddington's neck: *Please look after this bear, thank you.*



Paddington



Paddington

As the new Paddington film hits cinemas this Friday (November 28), **Darryl Webber** enjoys an audience with the film-makers and star **Hugh Bonneville** and finds out how they re-imagined the children's favourite for the big screen

LOST AND FOUND:
Paddington at the station from which he takes his name; (below) Hugh Bonneville as Mr Brown

It's the bear necessities

In a posh, west London hotel not too far from Paddington station itself, the people behind the new film about the little bear from deepest, darkest Peru are talking about his new big screen adventure.

Director Paul King, producer David Heyman and actor Hugh Bonneville are facing questions from journalists after a screening of the film. It's a friendly occasion with everyone just having enjoyed Paddington's winning mix of comedy, drama, action and visual flair.

Ben Whishaw is the voice of Paddington while Hugh Bonneville and Sally Hawkins play Mr and Mrs Brown, the couple who take him into their home. Nicole Kidman plays the villainess of the piece, a demented taxidermist who wants to add the rare Peruvian bear to her collection.

Both King (whose credits include *The Mighty Boosh*) and Heyman (the man behind the Harry Potter films and *Gravity*) say they wanted to honour the original Paddington stories while creating something fresh and exciting for modern audiences and they've certainly succeeded with one of the best family movies of the year.

Michael Bond's first Paddington stories were published in 1958 and went on to become best-sellers while the animated television series of the late 1970s, narrated by Michael

Horndon, was also very popular. Knowing there is great nostalgia as well as great affection for Michael Bond's character, Heyman was determined that he and King do Paddington justice.

"When I revisited the Paddington Bear stories, over 9 years ago now, I was immediately struck by how funny they were," says Heyman. "They made me laugh, but equally, they moved me. Paddington is, in essence, a universal story – about an outsider in search of a home – one that we all can relate to."

King felt a similar duty to be true to the spirit of Paddington. "Like most people of my generation, I have very fond memories of Paddington from childhood. I grew up with the FilmFair animations and his teddy bear took pride of place in my bedroom, but it wasn't until I revisited the stories as an adult that I asked why this particular character had so entranced me. There's no shortage of talking animals in children's literature, but few have the enduring appeal of Paddington.

"For me, the secret lies in his label: 'Please Look After This Bear. Thank you.' Despite this little bear's outward calm and self-assurance, it tells us that inside, he is vulnerable and in need of help in a frightening new world.

"At some point in their lives,

everyone has felt like an outsider," says King.

Heyman was certain King was the man for the job of bringing Paddington to life on the big screen from early in the process.

"I had always been an admirer of Paul King's work: his comic sensibility, his vivid imagination and his work with actors. I was watching his first film *Bunny And The Bull* and was struck by one sequence in which the sets were essentially line drawings in the style of Ivor Wood's *Paddington* TV series. Paul came in for a meeting and I discovered not only was he passionate about Paddington but he knew the stories and the various TV series better than I did. Those first conversations were so exciting and inspiring and so he joined us on the journey, developing the project and then writing his own script."

Paul consulted with Paddington creator Michael Bond to make sure

the film stayed in line with the original stories.

"Michael Bond and I were both keen that the narrative of the film didn't interfere with the enjoyment of the stories in the books, which are familiar to so many," says King.

"All the famous set pieces from the opening of the first book are in there, from his discovery at the railway station wearing nothing but a hat and label to a messy visit to the tearoom, his disastrous first encounter with a bathroom and trip into the underground. And while we meet Paddington earlier in the film than we do in the first book, our Paddington's history is faithful to the background Michael Bond developed in later stories.

"But the fifth chapter of A Bear Called Paddington begins 'Paddington soon settled down and became one of the family' and I felt here there was space for a longer narrative. After

this point, the Paddington stories are much shorter and more self-contained and it felt Paddington's unexplored transition from calamitous outsider to one of the family was the perfect

space for a film story, one that chimed with the heart of what makes Paddington such a special character."

It was this dramatic story arc that King based his film on and what appealed to Bonneville, who plays the father of the family who Paddington finds a home with.

"I remember having the books read to me and then reading them myself and falling in love with them. Paddington is a part of British culture, part of our DNA really," recalls Bonneville.

"I read the script and saw how much of that DNA is preserved, even though it's set in a contemporary world. It still has the flavour of the original books, which is so beautifully captured in Paul's script."

"There's also a great deal of humour running through the story – innocent, uproarious slapstick as well as clever wit – which will resonate with everyone, whether you are coming to the story with fresh eyes or as an unashamedly nostalgic parent, like myself."

Although it obviously owes a huge debt to the books and TV series, Heyman points out that their Paddington film has its own distinct character and feel.

"Our Paddington is more realistic than previous incarnations and is quite different from the teddy bear in some of the illustrations. But

he's still a talking bear – which is a fantastic notion in itself. We didn't feel he could ever feel at one with a perfectly naturalistic London, so as well as bringing our Paddington into the real world, we also took our world towards Paddington."

Using the visual inventiveness and trademark humour with which he made his name on television comedy, *The Mighty Boosh*, King has created a wonderful world for Paddington that is both recognisable and fantastic, nostalgic and modern.

"The Paddington books have always been set in the era in which they have been written, which lends the series a wonderfully timeless quality. We wanted our world to work for people who read the first books, watched the animations – or for people who don't know the character at all," says King.

Both Heyman and Bonneville agree there could be no-one better than King to bring Paddington to the big screen.

"Paul King is one of the most exciting talents to emerge from the UK in recent years. He is like Paddington in so many ways – charming, polite, principled, full of heart, with a sense of wonder and yes, he also has a bit of a belly," says Heyman.

■ Paddington is at cinemas from Friday, November 28.



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With buttery pastry and three delicious toppings (pecan nuts, brandy buttercream or a pastry star), it's hard to stop at just the one.

CHRISTMAS CAKE: Don't fake it, BAKE IT!

Half of us think a home-made Christmas cake is out of reach – and **Rachel Allen** is out to prove us wrong. **Claire Spreadbury** dons an apron and discovers just how easy a festive bake can be

MAKING a Christmas cake is a bit of an epic challenge, isn't it? First comes the planning, then the mixing, then months of feeding it booze, then baking, making marzipan and spending an eternity icing it – only for half your Christmas party to eventually turn their noses up and opt for the chocolate log.

It's a whole lot of festive faff I've never involved myself in.

The cake was something my mum always made and now she's not around, I either don't bother, or make do with a ready-made Marks & Spencer affair. And it seems I'm not alone.

A whopping one in five of us apparently buy a Christmas cake from the supermarket and pass it off as our own, according to research by Currys PC World.

And unsurprising, less than half of us make the effort to bake our own cake, because we just don't think we're capable. We might love a bit of Bake Off and attempt the odd batch of biscuits here and there, but a Christmas cake is serious business, right?

Wrong. And the lovely Rachel Allen is here to prove it.

Not only can her delicious cake be made on Christmas Eve, but it's so easy, she reckons each and every one of us can bake it. I agree to meet her for a masterclass and put it to the test.

She arrives, all relaxed and mumsy, popping on her pinny and getting stuck in. She's passionate about her craft but insists this cake is easier than making a Victoria Sponge.

"It doesn't need to rise," she says, blue eyes sparkling with a giant smile spread across her face. "You just bung everything in together and bake it."

And, to be fair, that's exactly what she does.

"I like to include lots of other dried fruit, rather than just raisins, sultanas and currants," she declares, throwing in a multitude of bits and pieces. "But feel free to play around with that. I love the



BAKING APPRENTICE: Claire Spreadbury (right) with Rachel Allen

toffee flavour of dates and crystallised ginger with the sugar on."

And as for feeding the cake with alcohol, as long as the fruit's soaked for at least two hours, that's more than enough, but if you do have time, you can leave it to get sozzled for a couple of days.

Christmas cakes obviously take a while to cook but once all the ingredients are combined, Allen pops it in the oven and shows us how to make the icing.

Now this isn't your traditional Christmas cake. It's iced with an Almond Paste, "which is a bit like marzipan" – but so much nicer.

Getting the paste to come together is a bit of an effort. You'll probably feel like you want to add more water (or brandy) but keep at it and it will probably be fine. "Tip the last drop of egg in and that will probably do it," she says.

And it does fall apart a bit, but you patch it up like pastry and once the icing's on the cake, go to town on it with a flat-edge cake smoother or a palette knife and it will transform into a thing of beauty. Granted, it does help having the patient confidence of a cook who's clearly made this cake a million times before, promising you it's all working perfectly, but stick at it. The smoothing part is actually

enormously addictive – and very therapeutic, so it's good for getting rid of that festive stress.

"And you can choose whether to put the brandy in your cake or your tummy," 42-year-old Allen chuckles when discussing the trials and tribulations of Christmas.

Not that you can imagine it being anything but smooth sailing in the house she lives in with her husband and three children, in Ireland's County Cork.

Once you're done – Allen recommends rolling a glass around the sides to ensure there are no gaps between the cake and the icing – all that's left to do is add a few decorative shapes from the leftover paste, cover it in egg wash and bake it for 20 minutes. And there you have it – the easiest Christmas cake you could ever make. That you really, actually, genuinely can – and should – make.

Mine is now proudly sitting in the utility room, where it will wait patiently until December 25, when I emerge from the kitchen looking incredibly smug and feeling very proud.

And, as Allen, who likes to enjoy hers with a strong bit of cheese and a glass of port, says: "You get good value from a Christmas cake – look at how many slices you get."

**NEXT WEEK:
STARTERS
AND
SNACKS**

RACHEL ALLEN'S CHRISTMAS CAKE WITH TOASTED ALMOND PASTE

Ingredients

150g sultanas
150g raisins
110g chopped dried cranberries
110g chopped candied peel
110g chopped dates
110g chopped dried apricots
50g finely chopped crystallised ginger
150ml brandy or whiskey
275g butter, softened
275g light muscovado or soft light brown sugar
5 eggs
Finely grated orange rind from 1 orange
50g ground almonds
275g flour
2tsp mixed spice

For the almond paste:
450g ground almonds
450g caster sugar
1 large or 2 small eggs

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2tbsp brandy or whiskey
A couple of drops of almond essence
To brush on the cake:
1 small egg white, lightly beaten
2 egg yolks

Method
Preheat the oven to 150C/135 fan/300F/gas mark 2.
Line the base of a 23-inch non-stick cake tin and butter the sides. You can also put parchment paper around the outside of the tin to stop the cake drying out in the oven.
Place the sultanas, raisins, dried cranberries, chopped candied peel, dates, dried apricots and the crystallised ginger in a bowl.
Pour on the whiskey or brandy and allow to soak for at least two hours.

In a large mixing bowl, cream the butter very well. Add in the sugar and beat well, and then beat in the eggs one by one. Stir in the grated orange zest and ground almonds.
Sift in the flour and spices and fold in gently, followed by the

fruit and any alcohol left in the bowl.
Transfer into the prepared cake tin and bake for between two-and-a-half to three-and-a-quarter hours.
A skewer inserted into the centre of the cake will come out clean when the cake is cooked.
Pour another tablespoon or two of whiskey or brandy over the top of the cake, as soon as it comes out of the oven.
Cover the cake, still in the tin, with tin foil. This will keep the top of the cake nice and soft while it's cooling.
Once the cake has cooled, remove it from the tin and cover again in tin foil, until you're ready to cover it with Almond Paste.

To make the almond paste:
Preheat the oven to 220C/425F/gas mark 7.
Mix the ground almonds and sugar together in a bowl. In another bowl, beat the eggs, add the brandy or whiskey and a couple of drops of almond

essence, then add to the dry ingredients and mix to a stiff paste.
Sprinkle the worktop with icing sugar, turn out the almond paste and work lightly until smooth.
Remove all tin foil and greaseproof paper from the cake.
Take about half of the almond paste and place it on a worktop that has been dusted with icing sugar. Roll until it is about 1cm thick.
Paint the top of the cake with the lightly-beaten egg white and put the cake, sticky side down, onto the almond paste.
Cut around the edge of the cake, then carefully turn the cake the right side up with the lid of almond paste attached to the top.
Measure the circumference and height of the cake. Roll out two long strips of almond paste (to the length of the circumference) and trim both edges to the height of the cake with a palette knife. Paint both the cake and the almond paste lightly with

egg white. Press the strip against the sides of the cake – do not overlap or there will be a bulge.
Use a straight-sided water glass to even the edges and smooth the join.
Rub the cake well with your hand (or cake smoother or palette knife) to ensure a nice flat surface.
At this stage, place the cake on a baking tray (Allen recommends turning the baking tray upside down so it's easier to remove). Roll out the remainder of the almond paste to approximately 5mm thick, and cut out star, heart, holly or Santa shapes.
Paint the whole surface of the cake with some beaten egg yolk and stick the shapes on top and around the sides. Brush the shapes with egg yolk.
Bake the cake in the centre of a preheated oven for 10–20 minutes until lovely and golden.
Remove from the oven, allow to cool, then transfer to a plate.



BAKING QUEEN: Rachel Allen

Celebrity chef Rachel Allen and Currys PC World are encouraging the nation to bake their own Christmas cakes this year. To see their full baking range, as well as recipes and videos visit www.currys.co.uk/baking

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WIN! WIN! WIN!

A family ticket to see Horrible Histories in the West End

HORRIBLE Histories: Barmy Britain Part Two! returns to London's Garrick Theatre for the final time next month. The West End show runs from December 13 to January 4.

So prepare for a Horrible Christmas with Britain's best, including battling Queen Boudicca, Scottish independent William Wallace, evil Elizabeth I, dastardly Dick Turpin and party Queen Victoria. It's history with the nasty bits left in!

Actors Alison Fitzjohn, Neal Foster and Anthony Spargo will be sharing the roles during the Christmas run, in which each plays more than a dozen characters on a quick gallop through 2,000 years of British history – from the Roman invasion to Victorian Britain via the Black Death and the Civil War.

Written by Terry Deary and Neal Foster, Barmy Britain Part Two! reveals the history of Britain in an uniquely funny and memorable way with songs and sketches packed with disgusting facts and extraordinary events.

A must for families, this show entertains and delights audiences aged 6 to 106!

You could win one of two family tickets (each

for four people) to see this great show on Saturday December 13 at noon. Just answer this simple question:

What was the name of the British queen of the Iceni Tribe who fought the Romans?

- a. Queen Boudicca
- b. Queen Basildon
- c. Queen Braintree

Email your answer to competitions@hertsessexnews.co.uk, together with your name, address, email and phone number by Wednesday December 3.

Usual Local World competition rules apply.

For more information on the show, visit www.barmybritain.com.

Daytime performances are at various times during the run, please see the website for details.

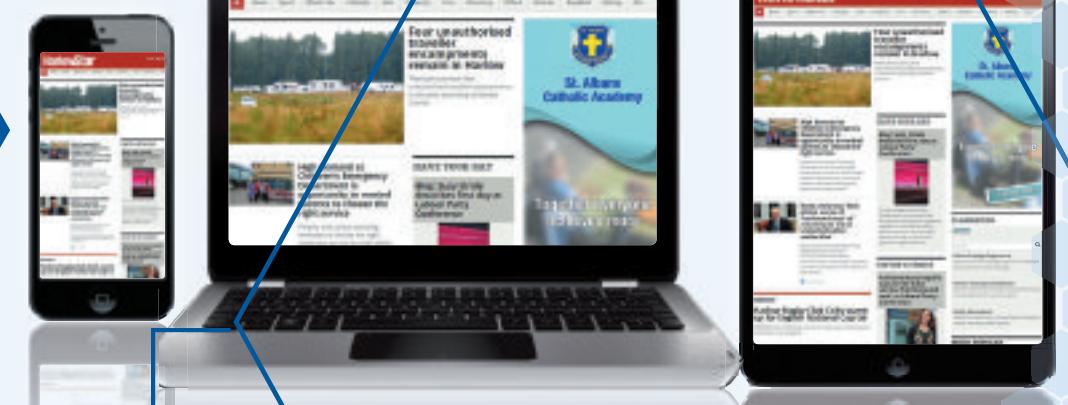
Tickets are £20, £17.50 and £15 from the box office on 0844 412 4662 or book online at www.nimaxtheatres.com

The show runs for an hour and the recommended age group is age six and up.



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YOUR STARS WITH

ARIES MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

At last you are meeting with sympathetic and understanding people. You must be in a spin after dealing with selfish faces in previous days and weeks. At least you'll appreciate the help you'll be getting now. Aries! Buying and selling go well at this time and you finally get the chance for fair deals instead of one-sided trades. Ring now to hear who can't get you off their mind.

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TAURUS APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Although I can see that part of you wants to howl caution to the wind, there is also the side of you who sees that you have to be practical and think things through. Use Wednesday as your key day to make decisions. The stars will enable you to see with clarity exactly what you need to do. Ring me now to hear why you may not be able to control what you say and do in love this December.

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GEMINI MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Your determination comes to the fore this week and you no longer worry what other people think. You care only about what feels right to you. You're done with putting those first who don't do the same for you. A time for breaking up for some of your sign and of taking things to the next level for others. By Tuesday, you'll know which side you fall on. Ring now for more on this life changing time.

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CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 22

You need to be firmer with yourself and decide sooner rather than later if you are going to embark on your plans, or let them drift away. Tact is necessary in business dealings this week. You will be fooled into thinking you have the upper hand when in fact it is others who hold the power to say yes or no to what you want. Ring now to hear how strangers could soon be very familiar faces in your life.

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LEO JULY 23 - AUGUST 23

An invitation or opportunity is about to arise which, although it has been offered before, is now putting in a definitive appearance. Don't be too quick to put down friends' or families' new partners. What you first see may not be what you get, so don't judge a book by its cover. Remember what it's like to need a break? Leo? Ring now to hear how the past can help a current decision you have to make.

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VIRGO AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 22

You seem intent on having some sort of a confrontation this week, but caution, Virgo. Your stars suggest to me that you don't hold all the aces. Someone else does. News from far away will see you wanting to plan a journey, so try to save your money. You'd be glad you did when you see what's possible to December. Ring now to hear which sign is trying to manipulate you in business.

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LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23

The home is the centre for some major discussions and decisions this week. Someone is going to be throwing some ideas around which will change the way you view your options for the future. Dress well in business and turn up on time or even earlier to make an impression. It can make all the difference to your success. Ring now to hear why this is a good time to commit to business.

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SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 21

You're still regretting something you did wrong, when you should be focusing on what you've done right. Sometimes you're your own worst critic. I love the strength of your character which can see as dramatic a fall as it can a victory. Don't knock it, embrace it and move on to what needs to be done. You know what that is. Ring now to hear how foreign links should be followed up.

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SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 20

You need some time alone to decide. Take it. To allow yourself to be cornered and pressured in this fashion is only going to lead to more stress. It's time to take control of your life and that means saying no when you mean no. Someone in the family needs to be told when to back off. Do it Sunday when you hold the power to speak with authority. Ring me to grab the reins of life.

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CAPRICORN DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 20

This would be a really good time to brush up your knowledge and to work out where you want to go with your career. Your sign is good at building on things and in the last two months you've created a base from which to make something really special. Embrace big changes. It's what December is all about my friend. Ring now to hear which friendship you need to rekindle.

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AQUARIUS JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

You can't help people who don't want to help themselves. At least not until they're ready. Try to focus on your own relationship issues this week as you can finally make peace with a past issue or drama and by Friday you'll be ready to start a new chapter and embark on a future which doesn't involve constantly referring to 'that' past. Ring me so we can talk about your future.

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PISCES FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Difficulties are surmounted. You look at life as if the glass is half full again. Conversations with people you meet in your work help you decide in which direction you can and should take your career. Older faces who were a burden seem to become more self-sufficient, or could it be that you've shaped their life to become more manageable? Ring now for this constructive week in full.

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SUDOKU

Fill in the grid in such a way that every row and column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9.

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For Killer Sudoku, the normal rules of Sudoku apply. However, in addition, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dotted lines) must add up to the number in the top corner of the shape.

PATHFINDER

Beginning with the highlighted square, follow a continuous path to find the listed bands and groups. The trail passes through each and every letter once and may twist up, down or sideways but never diagonally.

ABBA, AMERICA
BLONDIE, BOZONE
BUSTED, CHICAGO
CREAM, ELBOW
EUROPE, GARBAGE
GENESIS, JAMES
KASABIAN, KEANE
LAWSON, METALLICA
OASIS, SLADE
SUEDE, YAZOO

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FUTOSHIKI

Each line across and down is to be filled with the numbers 1 to 5. The same number cannot occur more than once in any line. Your only clues are the numbers given and whether a number is greater than (>) or smaller than (<) the adjacent number.

TOTALIZED

The 25-second ultimate challenge. Follow the instructions from left to right, starting with the number given to reach an answer at the end.

EASY	18	/6	x 12	DOUBLE IT	+ 8	- 3/10 OF HALF OF IT	x 4	+ 16	- 15	ANSWER
MEDIUM	124	x 3	+ 5/6 OF IT	- 22	÷ 15	SQUARE - 7/8 OF IT	+ 140	DOUBLE IT	- 85	ANSWER
HARDER	56	HALF OF IT	x 7	+ 3/4 OF IT	+ 147	DOUBLE IT - 3/10 OF IT	- 14	÷ 7	x 9	ANSWER

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS	Both sets of clues fit both grids	ACROSS	DOWN
3	Obtain (3)	1	Ready-made meal (1,1,6)
7	Greek bistro (7)	2	Curvature (4)
8	Oarsman (5)	3	Ship's kitchen (6)
9	Hibernian (5)	4	Walking heavily (8)
10	Single payment (4,3)	5	Night birds (4)
11	Choosy, fussy (7)	6	In a bad mood (6)
13	EU country (5)	7	Burglar (5)
15	Eskimo-style coat (5)	12	Altering (8)
16	Shakes, flutters (7)	14	Hyper-sensitive (8)
18	Covered (7)	15	Cardboard box (6)
20	Royal dog (5)	16	Expansively (6)
21	(Had) consumed (5)	17	Catapult (5)
22	Joining together (7)	19	Really keen on (4)
23	Chap, bloke (3)	20	Smallest US coin (4)

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Totalized: EASY=84 MEDIUM=422 HARDER=289

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Sudoku: Easy	Sudoku: Medium	Sudoku: Hard	Sudoku: Killer	Futoshiki	Pathfinder	Quick Crossword	Cryptic Crossword
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DRIVE



Aygo out to win youth vote

By David Ward

IN one audacious move, the Toyota Aygo has been transformed from ageing also-ran into bold contender for class honours.

The oily bits aren't radically different, but the look and feel is a lot classier, there's a neat connected touch screen system and the ability to personalise the car will attract younger buyers.

The minuscule running costs have been left largely alone.

BACKGROUND

Parochial bunch that we Brits are, we tend to think of Toyota's Aygo as the car that most people overlooked in favour of a Citroen C1 or a Peugeot 107.

While it's true that these three sister vehicles which all rolled out of the same factory in the Czech Republic did enjoy quite marked differences in sales here – with the Peugeot taking the top step of the podium and the Aygo the bronze medal/wooden spoon – it's been a very different story in terms of worldwide sales where Peugeot and Citroen represent mere blips and the Aygo has racked up a monster number of satisfied customers.

Toyota is at pains to point out to us that the Aygo has the highest individual market share of any of their current vehicles and acts as a gateway model, attracting legions of new buyers to the Toyota brand and keeping them there with strong reliability, low running costs and strong dealer backup.

The first generation Aygo model did, however, rather outstay its welcome, first introduced in

2005, with only minor tweaks throughout a nine-year existence that only ended when this MK2 model was introduced in the summer of 2014.

This much-improved car's main task is to put up a better fight against the Volkswagen Group's single citycar design, variously marketed as the Volkswagen up!, the Skoda Citigo and the SEAT Mii and dominating the European sales charts in this segment since its introduction in 2011.

So, can Toyota turn the tables with this fresh-faced all-new Aygo? Let's see.

DRIVING EXPERIENCE

You might well be experiencing a worrying sense of déjà vu when we mention the fact that the latest Aygo is powered by a 998cc three-cylinder petrol engine, but Toyota assures us that it's not just a carry-over from the old car.

The unit has been re-engineered to run with a higher, 11.5:1 compression ratio and has an improved combustion chamber design for better efficiency.

Friction losses have also been reduced, notably by using a new low-friction timing chain. And although it's still one of the lightest engines on the market, more weight has been saved by introducing a cylinder head with an ingenious built-in exhaust manifold.

Power is up over the old car, but given that the improvement is only from 67 to 68bhp, we won't get too excited, either about that or a torque (pulling power) increase from 92 to 95Nm.

In an effort to improve flexibility, some 85Nm of that is available from as low as 2,000rpm so you won't need to rev the car to death in order to get it moving.

As before, there are no pokier petrol engines and no diesel option. You can get a self-shifting gearbox though as an option (we hesitate to call it 'automatic').

Actually, it's what the engineers call an 'automated manual' gearbox that can be used in fully automatic mode or with manual gear selection using paddle shifts or the shift lever itself.

The cutesy, inoffensive look of the previous car has been replaced by something with a whole lot more attitude.

A distinctive and characterful design - dubbed 'J-Playful' in reference to Japan's hip youth - sees the designers use the concept of a soft object breaking through the hard shell of the design, creating break lines and giving Aygo its distinctive frontal 'X-graphic'.

This spreads outwards across the surface of the bodywork and takes in all the vehicle's main external features, including upper and lower grilles, headlamps, foglamps, and even mirrors and side glazing.

It's incredibly bold and makes the Aygo look bigger and more assertive, despite the fact that it measures 25mm longer than before at 3,455mm. Front headroom has been increased by 7mm, despite overall vehicle height being lowered by 5mm to 1,460mm.

Inside, there's a trapezoidal-shaped centre console, with this design theme reflected in details such as the air vents, door trims and gear shift surround.

The console supports a wide dashboard with a matt, anti-glare finish, set between slim A-pillars. The new instrumentation features a meter made of

up concentric rings which are permanently lit. It incorporates an easy-to-read central multi-information display. The wheelbase is unchanged at 2,340mm, but the cabin is longer by 9mm and there's an extra 29 litres of luggage space available.

MARKET AND MODEL

Toyota makes much of the latest Aygo's scope for personalisation. This is one area where the last car dropped the ball. Buyers in this sector want to be able to quickly, cheaply and effectively differentiate their cars so they don't look like everybody else's.

MINI was the first company to get on board this trend and Citroen quickly followed. Now the Japanese are playing catch-up, with Nissan's Juke offering clip-on interior panels that can be swapped at will.

This Aygo follows this concept, with instrument panel, centre console, air vent, shift knob and gear lever surround sections that can easily be changed. Even the X-shaped front grille, rear bumper insert, front bumper and alloy wheels can all be specified to suit. To try to keep things easier for the customer and to offer better value, Toyota has also created a range of exterior and interior styling packs, rather than forcing people to select piece-by-piece customisation.

Another area where the previous Aygo was showing its age, especially against its bigger brother the Yaris, was in the provision of multimedia systems. Consider that rectified at last.

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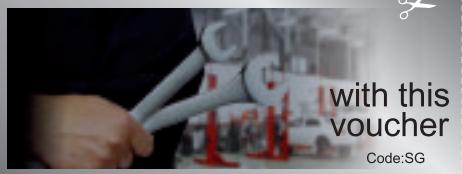
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2009 (59) Peugeot 207 1.4, black, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, 16,000 miles only	Was £6,995 Now £5,995
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2007 (57) Mini One 1.4, blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, CD player, 48,000 miles only	Was £6,996 Now £5,995
2010 (60) Peugeot 207 1.4, black, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 38,000 miles only	Was £6,995 Now £5,995
2009 (59) Peugeot 308 1.4, black, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 53,000 miles	Was £5,995 Now £4,995
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2006 (06) Vauxhall Astra 2.0 TwinTop, blue, alloy wheels, air con, half leather, SOLD , electric power hood, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 57,000 miles only	Was £5,995 Now £4,695
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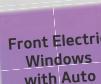


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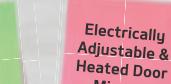
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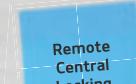
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13 (63) KIA CEE'D 1.6 PETROL 5DR AUTOMATIC 3' 5 DOOR, Black Only, 18,000 Miles, Panoramic Glass Sunroof, Climate Control, Air Conditioning, Front and Rear Parking Sensors, Alloy Wheels, Kia Warranty Until 12/2020.	£10,999
13 (63) KIA RIO 1.4 5DR 2', Ex Demo, Met Blue, 30,000 Miles, Air Conditioning, Alloy, Bluetooth, Front Fog Lamps, Electric Windows, Kia Warranty Until 09/2020.	£11,695
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14 (64) KIA RIO 1.4 3' TOP OF THE RANGE CAR, Met Blue, Delivery Miles (Less Than 50 Miles), Bluetooth, Special Alloy Wheels, Privacy Glass, Air Conditioning, Kia Warranty Until 09/2021.	£12,999
14 (14) KIA CARENS 1.6 PETROL 7 SEATER MPV 5DR, Celestial Silver, 2,000 Miles Only, Bluetooth, Electric Windows And Mirrors, Remote Central Locking, Kia Warranty Until 03/2021.	£14,999
13 (13) KIA SPORTAGE 1.6 PETROL 1', Met Black, 10,000 Miles Only, Alloy Wheels, Electric Windows, Bluetooth, Remote Central Locking, Kia Warranty Until 07/2020.	£14,999
13 (63) KIA CEE'D ESTATE 1.6 PETROL 1', Blue, Under 100 Miles, 6 Speed Manual, Ex Demo Car As New, Air Conditioning, Electric Windows, Alloy Wheels, Under Kia Warranty Until 06/2019.	£15,999
14 (14) KIA SOUL 1.6 DIESEL AUTO (NEW MODEL) CONNECT PLUS, Titanium Silver, 400 Miles Only, Alloy, Climate Control, Fog Lamps, 7' Screen Sat Nav with Reversing Camera, Remote Central Locking.	£16,999
13 (62) KIA SPORTAGE 1.7 DIESEL 3' 2WD IN MET ORANGE, 27,000 Miles, Panoramic Glass Sunroof, Special Alloy Wheels, Bluetooth, Full Leather Interior, Cruise Control, Climate Control, Under Kia Warranty Until 04/2020.	£17,495
14 (14) KIA OPTIMA 1.7 DIESEL AUTOMATIC Silver, Only 4,000 Miles, Ex Demo Car, Alloy Wheels, Climate Control, Air Conditioning, Electric Windows, Sat Nav Screen, Full Reversing Camera, Under Kia Warranty Until 03/2021.	£19,999
13 (13) KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 PETROL 5DR 4' ALUM 54X, Met Blue, 20,000 Miles, Panoramic Glass Roof, Half Leather Interior, Bluetooth, Alloy Wheels, Cruise Control, Air Conditioning, Kia Warranty Until 03/2020.	£17,495
10 (10) JAGUAR XF 3.0 DIESEL AUTOMATIC PREMIUM, Met Grey, 34,000 Miles, Sat Nav Screen, Full Leather Interior, Climate Control, Alloy Wheels, Heated Front Seats, Cruise Control.	£18,995
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13 (63) KIA cee'd 1.6 CDTi 1' 5DR, BLACK, 11,000 MILES, AIR CON, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, £30 PER YEAR ROAD TAX.....	£11,899
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14 (63) KIA cee'd 1.6 PETROL 5 SPEED 2', MET GUNMETAL GREY, 12,000 MILES, AIR CONDITIONING, REVERSING SENSORS, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, REMOTE C/LOCKING, ALLOYS, IPOD AND USB CONNECTION.....	£13,250
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14 (14) KIA cee'd 1.6 PETROL 6 SPEED 2', MET GUNMETAL GREY, 13,000 MILES, AIR CONDITIONING, REVERSING SENSORS, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, REMOTE C/LOCKING, ALLOYS, IPOD AND USB CONNECTION.....	£13,749
14 (63) KIA CARENS 7 SEATS MPV 1.7 DIESEL '2', SILVER, 8,000 MILES ONLY, REAR PARKING SENSORS, ALLOY WHEELS, PRIVACY GLASS, AIR CONDITIONING, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, REMOTE CENTRAL LOCKING, KIA WARRANTY UNTIL 01/2021.....	£14,850
14 (14) KIA cee'd 1.6 PETROL 3' 6 SPEED, MET BLACK, 10,000 MILES, 7' SAT NAV SCREEN, CLIMATE CONTROL, AIR CONDITIONING, REVERSING CAMERA, ALLOYS, IPOD AND USB CONNECTION.....	£14,990
14 (14) KIA cee'd 1.6 PETROL 6 SPEED 3', MET INFRA RED, 12,000 MILES, 7' SAT NAV SCREEN, CLIMATE CONTROL, AIR CONDITIONING, REVERSING CAMERA, ALLOYS, IPOD AND USB CONNECTION.....	£14,990
14 (14) KIA cee'd 1.6 PETROL 7 SEATS 5' DIESEL '2', BLACK, 10,000 MILES ONLY, ALLOY WHEELS, PRIVACY GLASS, AIR CONDITIONING, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, REAR PARKING SENSORS, REMOTE CENTRAL LOCKING, KIA WARRANTY UNTIL 04/2021.....	£14,990
14 (14) KIA cee'd 1.6 PETROL 5 DR 5 AUTOMATIC IN WHITE ONLY 6,000 MILES, ALLOY WHEELS, FRONT FOG LAMPS CLIMATE CONTROL AIR CONDITIONING, 7' SAT NAV SCREEN AND PARKING CAMERA, BLUETOOTH.....	£15,995
13 (63) KIA SPORTAGE 1.7 DIESEL 1' 6 SPEED MAN IN WHITE 13,000 MILES WITH BLUETOOTH, AIR CONDITIONING, ALLOY WHEELS, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, REMOTE CENTRAL LOCKING.....	£15,999
14 (14) KIA cee'd 1.6 DIESEL S/W ESTATE 6 SPEED MANUAL 5DR IN BLACK ONLY 13,000 MILES, ALLOY WHEELS, BLUETOOTH FRONT FOG LAMPS, CLIMATE CONTROL AIR CONDITIONING, 7' SAT NAV SCREEN AND PARKING CAMERA.....	£16,490
14 (14) KIA CARENS 1.7 DIESEL 7 SEATS 3', TITANIUM SILVER, REVERSING CAMERA, GLASS PANORAMIC SUNROOF, FULL LEATHER INTERIOR, HEATED SEATS, SPECIAL ALLOY WHEELS, BLUETOOTH, KIA WARRANTY UNTIL 03/2021.....	£16,995
13 (63) KIA SPORTAGE 1.7' 2' DIESEL 6 SPEED MANUAL, BLACK, 12,000 MILES, HALF LEATHER INTERIOR, PANORAMIC GLASS SUNROOF, CRUISE CONTROL, AIR CONDITIONING, BLUETOOTH.....	£17,999



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- (57) Mazda 6 TS 5DR, in silver, low mileage, FSH, immaculate condition, air con, alloys, cruise control, 6 speed, full electric pack and more, value £3695 or £16pw
- (05) Vauxhall Astra 1.6 Breeze 5DR, in silver, one owner, low mileage, FSH, alloys, air con, full electric pack, CD, abs and more, superb condition £3995 or £17pw
- (58) Renault Megane 1.6 Tech Run 5DR, in saturn, one previous keeper, low mileage, FSH, air con, alloys, full electric pack and more, great value at £3995 or £17pw
- (11) Nissan Pixo 1.0 Visia 5DR, in saturn, one owner, low mileage, main dealer FSH, very economical, £20 RFL, with many factory extras, immaculate £3995 or £17pw
- (07) Saab 9-3 Vector Sport Estate, immaculate through-out, with many extras including sat nav, climate/cruise control, half leather and much more £3995 or £17pw
- (06) Mazda 5 Sport 7 Seater MPV, in silver, one owner, low mileage, FSH, superb condition through-out, with many factory fitted extras, value at £3995 or £17pw
- (09) Vauxhall Agila 1.0 Expression 5DR, in saturn, only 30,000 miles, very economical, £30 RFL, with many factory fitted extras, great value at £3995 or £17pw
- (06) Ford C-Max Zetec TDCi Diesel, in silver, one previous owner, low mileage, FSH, superb condition through-out with many factory fitted extras £3995 or £17pw
- (05) Toyota Corolla T Spirit 5DR, in blue, very low mileage, FSH, with many extras including alloys, air con, sunroof, full electric pack and more value £4295 or £18pw

CARS FROM £20 PER WEEK

- (10) Volkswagen Fox 1.2, in grey, one previous keeper, main dealer FSH, only 20,000 miles, very economical, with many factory extras, value at £4995 or £20pw
- (58) Vauxhall Corsa Club CDTi Diesel, in silver, low mileage, main dealer FSH, very economical £30 RFL, with many factory extras, great value at £4995 or £20pw
- (07) Toyota Corolla Verso T 7 Seater MPV, in silver, superb condition, low mileage, FSH, air con, abs, CD, full electric pack and more, superb £4995 or £20pw
- (58) Ford Focus 1.6 Style 5DR, in silver, one previous keeper, FSH, with many factory extras including air con, alloys, full electric pack and more, value at £4995 or £20pw
- (60) Peugeot 107 1.0 Urban 5DR, in silver, very economical, £20 RFL, FSH, superb condition through-out, with a vast array of factory fitted extras, value at £4995 or £20pw
- (08) Peugeot 207 SW Outdoor Special Edition Diesel Estate, in grey, one owner, FSH, half leather, pan roof, roof rails, privacy glass and more £4995 or £20pw
- (55) Volkswagen Beetle Luna Convertible, in silver, FSH, 47,000 miles from new, superb condition, air con, alloys, iPod connection, power hood £4995 or £20pw
- (10) Suzuki Swift Sx3 5DR, in blue, one owner, low mileage, service history, fitted with many factory extras, immaculate condition through-out £4995 or £20pw
- (09) Peugeot 207 Sport Auto 5DR, in silver, low mileage, FSH, immaculate condition, alloys, air con, full electric pack, abs, CD and more, great value at £5495 or £23pw
- (08) Honda Jazz DSI 5DR, in grey, low mileage, FSH, superb condition, air con, alloys, abs, CD player, central locking, full electric pack and more, value £5495 or £23pw
- (11) Nissan Pixa 1.0 N-Tec 5DR, in grey, FSH, very economical, only £20 RFL, immaculate through-out, with many factory fitted extras, amazing value at £5495 or £23pw
- (09) Hyundai i20 1.4 Style 5DR, in met fern, one previous keeper, FSH, half leather, climate control, alloys, full electric pack, CD, MP3, superb condition £5495 or £23pw
- (08) Kia Carens GS CRDI Diesel 7 Seater MPV, in blue, one previous keeper, FSH, fitted with many factory extras, immaculate condition through-out £5495 or £23pw
- (06) Seat Altea Styline TDI Diesel Auto, in black, one previous keeper, FSH, low insurance, low RFL, fitted with many factory extras, exceptional £5495 or £23pw
- (06) Volkswagen Passat Sport, in blue, one owner, low mileage, FSH, full leather, 6 speed, climate/traction control, full electric pack and much more £5495 or £23pw
- (59) Peugeot 207 Verve 5DR, finished in blue, one owner, only 20,000 miles, FSH, new from abs, CD, full electric pack, alloys, air con and more, value at £5495 or £23pw
- (08) Fiat 500 Lounge, in met blue, one owner, FSH, £30 RFL, panoramic sunroof, immaculate, fitted with many factory extras, great value at £5695 or £24pw
- (05) Nissan X-Trail SVE 4WD 5DR, in silver, one previous keeper, low mileage, FSH, sat nav, leather, sunroof, air con, MP3, CD, alloys and more £5695 or £24pw
- (07) Mazda 5 Furano Diesel 7 Seater MPV, in blue, one previous keeper, low mileage, service history, climate, alloys, full electric pack and more £5695 or £24pw
- (11) Peugeot 107 1.0 Urban 5DR, in saturn, one previous keeper, very economical, £20 RFL, superb condition through-out, with many factory fitted extras £5695 or £24pw

CARS FROM £30 PER WEEK

- (09) Mini Cooper Convertible, in black with white roof, super condition, full leather, 6 speed, alloys, air con, parking sensors, chilli pack and more £7495 or £32pw
- (12) Mazda 2 Tamura 1.3 5DR, one owner, main dealer FSH, £30 RFL, exceptional condition, extras include alloys, air con, CD, abs and much more £7495 or £32pw
- (61) Vauxhall Corsa 1.2 SX Diesel 5DR, in silver, only 20,000 miles from new, one owner, FSH, £30 RFL, many factory fitted extras, value at £7495 or £32pw
- (09) Mini Cooper Convertible, in grey, one owner, low mileage, FSH, with many extras including air con, half leather, abs, electric pack and more £7995 or £34pw
- (07) Ford S-Max Titanium TDCi Diesel 7 Seater, in black, one previous keeper, low mileage, air con, alloys, climate control, 6 speed and more £7995 or £34pw
- (12) Kia Soul 2 CRDI Diesel Auto 5DR, in silver, one owner, low mileage, main dealer FSH, with many factory extras, immaculate condition, value £7995 or £34pw
- (59) Volkswagen Touran 5 7 Seater 5DR, finished in met grey, one owner, FSH, low mileage, excellent example, fitted with many factory extras £7995 or £34pw
- (61) Fiat Doblo Dynamic 7 Seater 5DR, finished in met light blue, one owner, FSH, air con, CD, full electric pack, roof rails and much more £7995 or £34pw
- (12) Hyundai ix20 Active Automatic MPV, in grey, one owner, main dealer FSH, only 8000 miles from new, with many factory fitted extras, superb £7995 or £34pw
- (10) Vauxhall Insignia Sri Automatic, in silver, low mileage, main dealer FSH, Bluetooth, alloys, air con, parking sensors, cruise control and more £7995 or £34pw
- (08) Suzuki Grand Vitara Diesel 4WD, in saturn, one owner, main dealer FSH, only 20,000 miles from new, with many factory fitted extras, stunning £7995 or £34pw
- (13) Smart ForTwo Edition 21 Convertible, in black, one owner, main dealer FSH, only 11,000 miles, RFL exempt, low running costs, very high spec £7995 or £34pw
- (61) Renault Scenic 1.6 Expression MPV, finished in bronze, one owner, main dealer FSH, only 7000 miles, with many factory extras, superb condition £7995 or £34pw
- (60) Saab 9-3 Aero 1.9 Diesel, one owner, service history, full leather, heated seats, climate control, alloys, parking sensors, full electric pack and more £7995 or £34pw
- (13) Skoda Fabia S TSi Auto 5DR, in met blue, one owner, FSH, 14,000 miles, with many factory extras including air con, alloys, electric pack and more £8495 or £37pw
- (10) Toyota Avensis TR Varmematic Auto Estate, in silver, one owner, main dealer FSH, low mileage, sat nav, full leather, climate/cruise and more £8695 or £36pw
- (11) Citroen C4 Grand Picasso VTR Plus Diesel Auto 7 Seater in black, one owner, main dealer FSH, Bluetooth, parking sensors, air con and more £8995 or £38pw
- (08) Volkswagen Golf GTI 5DR, in black, FSH, 18" alloys, MP3, sports seats, 6 speed, full electric pack, air con and more, stunning looking vehicle £8995 or £38pw
- (08) Audi A4 TDI S-Line Diesel Auto, in blue, one previous keeper, stunning vehicle, sat nav, climate control, alloys, parking sensors and more, superb £8995 or £28pw
- (13) Vauxhall Corsa Limited Edition, choice of 2 white or red, one owner, FSH, 10,000 miles, high spec, black alloys, pan roof, air con, climate £8995 or £38pw
- (58) BMW 525 SE Diesel Saloon, in met blue, one owner, FSH, full leather, 17" alloys, Bluetooth, parking sensors, sat nav, air con and more £8995 or £38pw
- (11) Nissan Qashqai Acenta 5DR, in black, low mileage, FSH, with extras including air con, Bluetooth, cruise control, full electric pack and more, value £8995 or £38pw

CARS FROM £10 PER WEEK

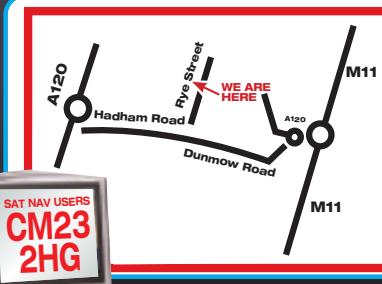
- (57) Renault Clio 1.4 Dynamique 5DR, in black, one previous keeper, main dealer FSH, only 20,000 miles, alloys, air con, full electric pack and more £4295 or £18pw
- (09) Hyundai i10 Classic 5DR, in blue, one owner, main dealer FSH, only £30,000 miles from new, very economical, £30 RFL, with many extras £4295 or £18pw
- (58) Skoda Octavia Ambiente TDI Diesel 5DR, in met bronze, one owner, low mileage, FSH, 6 speed, cruise control, alloys, air con, abs and more £4495 or £18pw
- (07) Nissan Note SE DCi Diesel, in blue, one owner, main dealer FSH, immaculate through-out, air con, full electric pack, auto lights, CD and more £4495 or £18pw
- (06) Volkswagen Polo 1.4 SE, in met blue, one owner, FSH, low mileage, with many factory extras including air con, full electric pack, abs and more, value £4495 or £18pw
- (11) Mitsubishi Colt, in black, one owner, FSH, only 25,000 miles, very economical, fitted with a vast array of factory extras, immaculate condition £4695 or £19pw
- (57) Vauxhall Corsa Design 5DR, in met blue, one previous keeper, FSH, only 29,000 miles, alloys, air con, full electric pack and more, superb £4695 or £19pw
- (10) Nissan Micra 1.4 Acenta 5DR, in silver, one previous keeper, low mileage, FSH, stunning condition, air con, full electric pack, abs, CD and much more £4695 or £19pw
- (59) Toyota Aygo 1.0 Platinum, in silver, one owner, FSH, only 38,000 miles, £20 RFL, half leather, air con, alloys, full electric pack and more, value £4695 or £19pw

CARS FROM £20 PER WEEK

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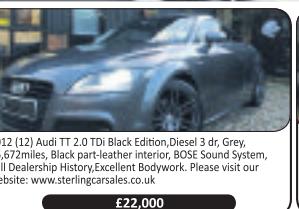
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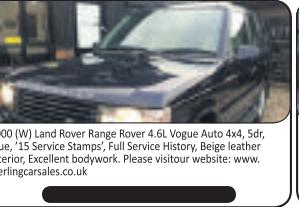
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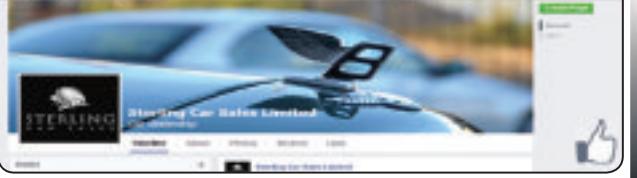


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For an informal discussion, please contact Jackie Williams on 01992 706322.

Closing Date: Monday 8 December 2014.

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Ladies make point to dent title hopefuls

Essex Hockey League	
Wapping IV	3
Harlow Ladies	3

TREMENDOUS spirit was shown by Harlow Ladies as they fought back from 2-1 down before being denied maximum points against high-flying Wapping.

A victory for the Londoners would have left them below second-placed Southend, so this point is a huge tonic for Alex Figg's side.

Both teams started strongly with Harlow having more of the possession.

However, it was Wapping who broke the deadlock, the ball being whacked up the pitch by a defender resulting in a goal.

Harlow levelled after some good link-up play and accurate passing enabled Steffie Hawes to slot the ball past the Wapping keeper.

A positive half-time team talk set out the strategy for the second half, where Harlow had some good team play but were unlucky not to convert this into any goals.

But the visitors were stung when Wapping went back in front.

Undeterred, midfielder Bethan Spencer's decisive tackle set up an equaliser, as winger Charlotte Byers cracked the ball into the net.

Wapping dominated once more and took a 3-2 lead when the ball unluckily came off of a defender's foot very close to the goal line.

Not dispirited, Harlow's player of the match Petra Trimble ably thwarted a couple of strong Wapping chances before she turned defence into attack, setting up Hawes for her second.

Keeper Laura Hay made a last-minute dive across her goal to deny the hosts a late winner.

This Saturday Harlow host Old Loughtonians.

HARLOW LADIES (squad): Hay, Chambers, Figg, Shearman, Trimble, Welsford, Tweddle, Spencer, Esterheusen-Smith, Hawes, Castle, Turner, Byers, Ferdinand.

Phoenix burnt

TABLE-topping Harlow Ladies seconds crushed a Phoenix thirds team that had only eight players 7-0 on Saturday.

Sarah Donaghey opened the scoring, before Tanishka Naidoo struck twice.

Nina Johnson-Marshall and Tracy Taylor added a further two goals each to conclude the scoring.

They were supported tirelessly by Lucy Dearman in central midfield.

Harlow are now five points clear of second-place Chelmsford fifth, who have two games in hand.

Colts beaten

HARLOW Colts suffered a 15-7 home loss to Woodford in difficult, wet conditions at Ram Gorse on Sunday.

Jack Almond scored the Young Rams' only try.

Alfie Clark slotted over the conversion.

However, the visitors were just too strong for Harlow, and scored two tries in the first half and one in the second. None were converted.

Two-goal Hagger beaches seasiders

Benn calls time on run with revenge win

East Men's Hockey League	
Harlow	4
Clacton	1

BENN HAGGER struck twice as Harlow returned to winning ways in division six south west and also gained revenge against the team that beat them in the final game of last season.

The first goal of the game went to visitors Clacton, as they managed to find a way into the Harlow D with some good passing before easily slotting home.

Their lead was short-lived though as Harlow broke through Dan Munro down the left, who weaved his way to the opposition D and then passed to skipper Martin Cox who rifled home.

Harlow's pressure finally paid off in the second half, as a shot from defender Ethan Greenall got deflected into the path of Andrew Boughtwood who slotted home.

Greenall then turned provider again as he tackled a Clacton player in his own half before feeding the ball to Hagger. He went on a trademark run and beat several players to get into the D and slot past the advancing keeper.

Icing

Hagger scored his second, this time set up by Cox, to put the icing on a brilliant win.

The win left Harlow sixth in the 12-team table.

They face more seaside opposition next weekend when they visit Old Southendians.

The club are desperately trying to recruit more players.

If you or someone you know is interested in playing hockey, then come along to a training session



BACK WITH A BANG: Two-goal Benn Hagger (right) shone for Harlow on Saturday and helped them to a 4-1 victory against Clacton

at Leventhorpe School, Sawbridgeworth on a Tuesday night from 8pm-9:30pm.

For more information, find the club on Facebook or Twitter.
HARLOW: Castillo, Greenall, Adams, Gorringe, Krzoska, Johnson, Cox, Hagger, R. Boughtwood, A. Boughtwood, Munro, Mace.

Medal joy for Harlow Gymnastics Club

VICTORIOUS Harlow Gymnastics Club returned with a haul of medals from two prestigious competitions.

Charlotte Brough (13), Chloe Eves (15) and Win-sze Kwok (13) were awarded with silver medals.

Millie Chinnery (12), Halle Andrews-Clark (14) and Taylah Andrews-Clark (14) received bronze medals.

Gymnasts from Essex, Suffolk,

Lincolnshire, Lancashire, Devon and Jersey competed at the DGA Chalk Bowl Challenge 2014 in Colchester.

In the Mo Chute 2001+ event, St Mark's student Charlotte Brough (13) won the silver medal on the floor, was fifth on vault, sixth on beam and finished in seventh place overall.

Chloe Eves (15), a pupil at Stewards, was awarded the silver medal for beam and finished in 11th position overall.

In the same event, Tyler Louise Pollard (13) and Rebecca Porter (13) shared fourth place on the floor.

Tyler-Louise also placed fourth on beam and sixth on bars, finishing in eighth place.

overall.

Rebecca was fifth on the floor and was 10th overall, while Lucy Barylski (13) took fifth on vault and finished in 12th place overall.

Abbey Taylor (13) came fifth on the floor and sixth on vault, finishing in 13th place overall.

Izzy Godfrey (13) was 14th overall. She was fourth in the handstand challenge.

In the Mo Chute up to 2002 event, Millie Chinnery (12) won the bronze medal for vault, was fourth on the floor and came 14th overall.

In 13th overall was Aisha Jones (11). She was fifth on beam and sixth on the floor.

Win-sze Kwok (13), claimed the silver medal for bars in the Giant circle 2002+ event and was eighth overall after taking sixth on vault and sixth on the floor.

Daisy Jones (11) was 12th in the giant circle up to 2003 event.

In the kip upstart 2004+ competition, Cailin Walker (11) was sixth overall. She was fourth on beam, fifth on floor and sixth on bars.

Team-mate Daisy Dove (10) was 10th after a fourth on vault.



WINNING SMILES: The Harlow gymnasts, back from left, Tyler-Louise Pollard, Cailin Walker, Izzy Godfrey, Rebecca Porter, Abbey Taylor, Poppy Charles, Lucy Barylski. Front from left, Daisy Dove, Win-sze Kwok, Halle Andrews-Clark, Charlotte Brough, Taylah Andrews-Clark, Millie Chinnery, Aisha Jones (inset). Not pictured: Chloe Eves, Molly Edwards, Poppy Bishop

Rugby

Rams fail to kick on after last-minute try

London Three North East
Harlow 21
Lowestoft & Yarmouth 22

THE Rams' promotion hopes took a dent on Saturday when they were beaten 22-21 at home by third-placed Lowestoft & Yarmouth.

A last-minute try for Harlow cut the deficit to a single point, but young wing Ryan McGlone missed a tricky conversion near the touchline, which would have given the hosts victory.

Playing up the hill in the first half, the red men started well, pinning the opposition back with accurate kicking.

The early pressure told with McGlone kicking the first points of the day after Lowestoft infringed at a ruck.

Harlow continued to push Lowestoft back and were rewarded with two tries in quick succession. First, Rob Mackie finished off a good team move and then Luke Bowering, showing a surprising turn of speed, dived in at the corner after good hands from the backs with a minute to go to half-time.

Lowestoft had already kicked two penalties and scored with the last play of the first half. Beating Harlow to the kick-off they spun the ball wide and their captain Matthew Howell crashed over the line for a converted try which tied the score (13-13) at the break.

Missed opportunities cost Harlow in the second half.

They failed to take advantage of the conditions, looking to run the ball rather than playing for territory and this played into the opposition's hands, who repeatedly forced Harlow into basic errors.

Three Lowestoft penalties to Harlow's one meant that the home side went into the final five minutes of the game trailing 22-16.

Knowing that they needed a converted try to win Harlow pressed forward, forcing Lowestoft to repeatedly infringe in the red zone.

Eventually Harlow scored from a driving maul with skipper Shaun Roberts touching the ball down. But McGlone's miss enabled Lowestoft to cling to the points.

Twin sisters' bronze double

GYMNASICS: St Mark's students and twin sisters Halle and Taylah Andrews-Clark both received bronze medals at the Essex Region Recreational Apparatus Championship 2014 in Colchester.

In the age 12-15 competition, Halle received the bronze medal for vault and placed fifth on bars, fifth on beam and fifth on floor, finishing in second position overall.

Taylah was awarded bronze medal for floor and placed sixth on beam, finishing in sixth position overall.

The girls are 14-years-old.

Poppy Charles (12) finished in 23rd position overall in the same competition.

In the age 10-11 competition Molly Edwards (10) and Poppy Bishop (10) finished in 11th and 23rd respectively.

Football

Common ground for Hawks and Chelsea

Town, Blues and Burgess last unbeaten league sides

by Alan Scott

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Ryman North	4
Harlow Tn	0
Redbridge	0

WHAT do Chelsea and Ryman League sides Harlow Town and Burgess Hill have in common?

The answer is they hold the last unbeaten records in league football from levels one to eight.

The Hawks extended their run to 19 games in Ryman North with a 4-0 home win over Redbridge on Saturday.

In the process, the Hawks closed the gap on Ryman North leaders Needham Market to three points.

Needham could only draw 2-2 at Great Wakering Rovers.

Harlow have three games in hand on the Suffolk club.

Goals from James Smith, Alex Read, Shane Stamp and Billy Jones secured a comfortable victory for Danny Chapman's men.

And surely even the most biased Hawks fan wearing rose-tinted spectacles would have thought that one game away from December, the Essex side would still not have tasted defeat in a league game?

Especially having faced the sides expected to mount a promotion challenge: Needham Market, Thurrock, Thamesmead Town and Heybridge Swifts.

Hawks assistant boss Spencer Knight has certainly picked the right season to come on board at the Harlow Arena.

He said: "It has been great so far, we've lost a few times in a few cups but the league form has been pretty good."

Superb

The Hawks took the lead after 12 minutes with a superb goal.

Robbie Martin picked the ball up in his own half and ran at the Redbridge defence. He skipped



STAMP OF APPROVAL: Shane Stamp goes for goal and (inset) gets a celebratory high five from Junior Appiah after his goal

Photos by Vikki Lince



Smith to rifle a shot under the rapidly advancing Redbridge keeper.

Hawks' pressure told when the hosts doubled their lead on 26 minutes when Stamp was fouled in the box by the Redbridge custodian and the referee pointed to the spot.

Read stroked the ball home for his 23rd goal in league and cup games this campaign.

Conscious of the fact that Redbridge had overturned a 3-0 deficit at Cheshunt the previous week, Harlow kept their foot on the gas in the second half.

The third goal finally arrived on 69 minutes. Hawks sub Luke

Cuthbert's superb ball sent Stamp clear on goal, and he slipped a shot under the advancing keeper and into the net.

The fourth and final goal came on 90 minutes after a great move between central defender Josh Urquhart and Dave Cowley.

Cowley slipped the ball to sub

Billy Jones and he finished well to complete a marvellous afternoon for Harlow, in front of a crowd of 261, the biggest of the day in Ryman North.

Southend United's 17-year-old centre-half Dan Matsuzaka again played on loan for Harlow, and Knight has been hugely impressed with the youngster, as

Harlow kept only their fourth clean sheet in 28 league and cup games this term.

Matsuzaka, who had impressed on his Hawks debut in the 2-1 home win against Needham earlier this month, was calmness personified once again.

Knight added: "He's a big boy for 17, but he's not one of those lads in the Football League that is big time."

"Hopefully we can use him a lot."

HARLOW TN: Thompson, Martin, Eadie, Urquhart, Matsuzaka, Small, Stamp, Cowley, Simms, Read, Smith. Subs used: Cuthbert, Jones, Appiah.

Harlow duo shine for Essex

Tennis

IMOGEN BROOKER and Ralph Bartlett represented the Essex County girls' and boys' U10 tennis teams.

The Harlow Tennis Club members were competing in the Twelve Counties tournament held in Corby, Northamptonshire.

They both won all their respective matches against their opposing seeds representing Bedfordshire, Nottinghamshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Overall Essex won the tournament.

Both children are pupils at Hatfield Heath Primary School. A spokesperson for Hatfield



SMASH AND GRAB: Imogen Brooker and Ralph Bartlett

Heath Primary School said: "This was a great achievement. We are very proud of both

Imogen and Ralph, and we think it's amazing that two members of

Year Five are representing the county in the same age group at such a high level."

Imogen has previously represented Essex.

Knights ride to win

JUST a point separated Harlow Hawks and North Herts Knights, as the Essex side slipped to a 73-72 home defeat in the Herts County Basketball League Division One.

The Hawks opened the game with a score from Russ Allan and a three pointer from Shab Niaz.

Some impressive Hawks defence kept the Knights at bay for most of the quarter, but an 8-2 run from the visitors capped off the first period with the Hawks trailing 13-16.

Opening scores from Daniel Cohen and back to back three pointers for Harlow captain Lee Morris saw the hosts open the second quarter with a 9-2 run.

Turnovers allowed the Knights to find easy scores, but at half-time the score was tied 35-35.

The Hawks came out strongly after half-time with an 11-4 run.

Alex Hinds struck five points, while consecutive three pointers from Niaz boosted the Harlow tally.

But a late 11-0 run kept the Knights in touch.

Scores from Rimantas Norkeliusas and Tom White kept the Hawks ahead.

At the end of the third quarter Hawks led 58-56.

Scores from White and Cohen gave the Hawks a boost inside, but the Knights just out-scored Harlow to take the points.

NORTH HERTS KNIGHTS: S. Niaz (12 pts), Hinds (11 pts), Allan (10 pts), Cohen (10 pts), White (8 pts), Morris (8 pts) Norkeliusas (5 pts), Moss (3 pts), Whytock, Friedner, Burgess, Allen.

County third and bronze for Tennant

HARLOW Running Club had several runners competing at the Essex 10K Championships at a very wet and undulating course at Chelmsford on Sunday.

John Tennant (185th and third veteran 60) earned a bronze medal in 44min 41sec.

Jared Bethell was 22nd out of 516 finishers in an excellent 35:24.

They were followed home by Jamie Jephcott (85th in 39:50), Jason Haigh (130th in 42:36), Paul Dixon (226th in 46:26), Robin Lozean (283rd in 49:32), Janice Page (296th in 50:05), Debbie Barry (346th in 52:40), David Page (349th in 52:52) and in their debuts at the distance Celia Haigh (361st in 54:02) and Alan Welbelove (429th in 58:29).

Meanwhile, at the Harlow Parkrun 5K, Jamie Jephcott triumphed out of 107 finishers in a superb 19:45.

He was followed by Jason Haigh (7th in 21:35), Andy Patten (12th in 22:10), Justin Patten (36th in 26:27), Paul Schroder (39th in 27:12), Wendy Spring (49th in 28:38), Joanne Mills (68th and second Lady Vet 65 in 31:37) and Pushpa Mistry (73rd in 32:00).

At the Swindon Parkrun 5K, John Bull came home 55th out of 369 finishers in 22:32, while Alison Bull was 179th in 28:04.

Sean Flynn, in his first race since breaking an ankle, finished in 47th out of 129 finishers in 26:11 at the Panshanger Parkrun 5K at Hertford.

At the very hilly and wet Kendal Mountain Festival Trail 10K, Daniel Jephcott was 37th out of 255 finishers in 47:03.

Sheila Leach competed in the Milton Keynes Movember 10K. She was 282nd out of 693 in a personal best (PB) time for the distance of 59:13.

At the Maravan double marathon event held at Cleethorpes in Lincolnshire on the Humber estuary, Andy Kinney finished day one in 29th place out of 34 finishers in 5hr 48min 20sec.

On day two he was 27th out of 31 finishers in 5.55:19.

Results

HARLOW & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE: PREM DIVISION: EK5 4 (Trevor Dennis, Craig Cook, James Brinkwell, Tom Reeves); FC Clark 3 (Xavier Dokku, James Jennings, Jack Weeks).

DIV FOUR: Three Shoes 3 (Charlie Jennings 2, Richard Tovell), Riley's Rangers 2 (Chay Homan, Amin Ben-Sghaier).

ESSEX JUNIOR CUP: third round: Plume Academics 3, Newbury Rangers 6 (James Ashman 2, Tony Williams, Frank Compton, James Woodhouse, Mark Bellworthy); Ashfield Albion 1 (Martin Walters), Eva Hart Rangers 2.

All other games postponed due to water-logged pitches.

HARLOW PREMIER DARTS LEAGUE: White Admiral 6 (Keith Arber 100 outshot), Moot House 2 (Paul Devereux 119 outshot); Parington Lions 1, Servo Link 7 (Dicky 180), Golden Swift 2; Tie Green Foxes 5, Tie Green Pirates 3 (Geoff Jordan 109 outshot); Green Link 3, Sawbridgeworth Brewery 5.

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EVERYBODY JUMP: Essex Leopards star Courtney Van Beest takes control of the ball

Leopards lift-off for Neptunes cup clash

ESSEX Leopards host Newham Neptunes at Harlow's Leisurezone on Saturday evening knowing that a win will seal top spot in the south group of the National Trophy.

This would give the Big Cats home court advantage against Leicester Warriors in the quarter-final, and they would also be at home in the semi-final if they progress.

A defeat would see them travel to Bradford in the last eight of the competition.

Having lost several key players to Leopards over the summer, Newham have struggled in the opening stages of the season, struggling in the league and already eliminated from the Trophy with a 1-4 record.

A big crowd is expected at Harlow as Leopards look to top their Trophy group for the first time in 11 years, and extend their winning run to five games.

The Big Cats are also in action on Sunday evening as they travel to Westminster Warriors looking for their fourth straight league win.

The sides have already met at

Harlow this season with the Big Cats strolling to an 82-56 win against the Warriors, who were without key players Mike Martin and Julius Joseph.

Robert Youngblood's team continued their good form with a pair of wins over the weekend, both victories being sealed by strong fourth periods.

A sublime final period saw Leopards blitz Hemel Storm 29-12 to pick up an 85-70 National Trophy win on the road last Saturday.

Dave Ajumobi led the Big Cats with a season-high 25 points, while Courtney Van Beest kept Youngblood's side in the game during the second period to finish with 16 points.

Matic Zupanc finished with 13 points, while Albert Margai added ten.

The following day saw Leopards shake off poor second and third quarters to triumph 63-61 against Bradford Dragons.

Margai, who enjoyed a 17-point haul, put the Big Cats 61-60 up with 28 seconds remaining. Van Beest finished with 13 points and nine boards.

'Stop trying to poach our stars'

Hawks' No.2 Knight warns off higher clubs

by Alan Scott

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ASSISTANT boss Spencer Knight has issued a 'hands off' warning to Conference South and Ryman Premier clubs desperate to nick the Hawks' star performers.

It is no surprise that higher and bigger clubs are clamouring to sign up Harlow Town's top players.

The Hawks, who visit Romford this Saturday, are flying along in the Ryman North table, and hold one of only three unbeaten records in the top eight football levels in England, from the four professional divisions to the four non-league steps.

Former Canvey Island, Chelmsford and Bishop's Stortford midfielder Knight (36), who came on board at Harlow in the summer following a successful two-year spell at Ryman North Ware, is not surprised Harlow have shone this term.

"The teams from higher levels have been trying to sign our players. But we have managed to keep hold of them," he said.

"They are enjoying their football and why would you want to leave. They want to win the league. And I think they will get better."

Prolific

Prolific striker Alex Read broke the club record for goals when he broke through the 50 barrier last season.

He has already moved close to 30 goals this term, including friendlies.

But he is not the only sought-after player: central defender Josh Urquhart, left-back Layne Eadie, skipper James Smith and midfielders Dave Cowley, Shane Stamp and Junior Appiah have also shown top form.

Knight said: "We have got good players, and when you have got good players it's easy. The players are buying into what we are trying to do to improve."



SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE: Layne Eadie celebrates with goalscorer Billy Jones against Redbridge on Saturday. (Inset) Hawks assistant boss Spencer Knight

Photos by Vicki Lince

The assistant boss says the club now need to improve on their clean sheets, and this began with one in the 4-0 drubbing of Redbridge on Saturday.

"The thing we need to improve

on is our clean sheets. There will be a time when we don't score, and that's when we need to keep a clean sheet," he said.

"We don't want to take any chances in our own half. But we



have the players that can play so we will play in the opposition half. We have got quick wingers, the best striker in the league and the three best central midfielders.

"We need to be more solid in individual areas. When we make a mistake we are getting punished. When we play the higher teams in the premier division we have been caught out."

"The players played really well against Needham. It seems that when they need to turn it on, they can."

After beating Needham, Harlow could only watch as the Suffolk side played and won two league games, while Hawks had two cup games.

This put Needham five points clear at the time.

"That was a shame. We allowed them to get away again. You always want points on board. But if we can carry on what we are doing we will be alright," added Spencer.

Harlow closed the gap last weekend when Needham could only draw with Great Wakering Rovers, but it is certainly starting to look like a two-horse race now, with other teams faltering.

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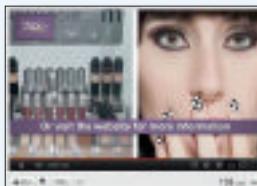
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